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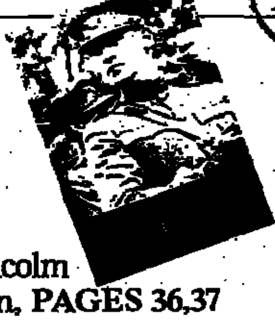

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# Brown opts for 50p top rate of tax

## Shadow Cabinet divided over hitting £100,000-plus earners only

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

GORDON BROWN is considering a new 50p top rate of income tax for earnings of more than £100,000 a year, members of the Shadow Cabinet were told yesterday.

The Shadow Chancellor's decision to lift the veil on his tax plans at a pre-conference meeting surprised his fellow frontbenchers — and displeased several who had been pressing for a new top rate to come in at a much lower level to finance extra spending on health and education.

They will complain at a later meeting that the introduction of such a high figure — which would affect less than 1 per cent of the working population — would be a purely symbolic move that would have little impact in terms of extra spending. The Inland Revenue estimates that some 120,000 people earn more than £100,000. A higher tax on earnings over that figure would raise £1 billion.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary and effective leader of the Left, heads a group of Shadow Cabinet members in charge of spending areas who favour a more redistributive tax policy and believe Mr Brown should pitch the earnings level well below £100,000. Mr Cook would be expected to have the backing of David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, and probably John Prescott, the Deputy Leader.

Yesterday, at a National Executive Committee meeting, Mr Cook and others questioned why Mr. Brown had not included a cut-off figure for richer families when he announced his plans to replace child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds with education allowances to encourage the children of poorer families to stay at school.

The leadership decided against setting the figure to avoid giving a clue of its thinking on the higher rate tax — it has been assumed by Shadow Cabinet members that the top rate and child benefit cut-off figures would be the same.

It was when the Shadow Cabinet was discussing the child benefit plan later yesterday that Mr Brown disclosed his thinking on a higher tax rate, although he added thathe would be making no announcements on tax policy until after the Budget on November 26.

The Shadow Chancellor's announcement comes after a stream of hints about Tony Blair's determination not to hit the middle classes and Mr Blair's personal inclination has been to leave the top rate unchanged at 40p. Some modernisers may still press him to persuade Mr Brown to go for that figure, but the Shadow Chancellor is in a position of huge strength in the leadership and Mr Blair would be reluctant to overrule him.

As it is, the rate and figure favoured by Mr Brown will upset some traditional Labour supporters who believe the party has to be bolder over tax if it is to fulfil its social obligations.

The other key decision for the Labour leadership will be its response to the Budget if Mr Clarke decides to knock 1p or 2p off the 24p standard rate of income tax.

If the cut is 2p, some members of the Shadow Cabinet are to press Mr Blair and Mr Brown to reverse half of it and earmark the £1.8 billion raised for health and education. But it is unlikely that either would go along with that strategy. They are expecting the Conservatives to lay a tax trap for them and would be reluctant to walk into it.

Mr Brown's disclosure to his colleagues yesterday is the clearest evidence that he is determined to prevent the Tories repeating their "tax bombshell" campaign of the last general election. The only other signal so far of the leadership's tax plans has been the indication that it is looking at a new bottom rate of 10-15 per cent, an idea that has gone down well in the party.

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# Blair threatens to expel MP over Adams visit

By Philip Webster, Nicholas Watt and James Landale

THE Labour leadership last night threatened to eject Jeremy Corbyn from the parliamentary party for his "reprehensible" behaviour in inviting Gerry Adams to the House of Commons today.

Tony Blair and his Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, were furious that the leftwing backbencher should be bringing the Sinn Fein president to Westminster so soon after the discovery of IRA plans to devastate London with lorry bombs.

But their approach was thrown into confusion when it was disclosed that the former Cabinet minister Tony Benn had joined Mr Corbyn in booking a Commons room for today's "private meeting".

Party sources refused to say whether the punishment threatened for Mr Corbyn would also apply to Mr Benn, who intends to go to the meeting. "We are awaiting developments," an official said. "We have expressed the anger of the leadership and we will now see what happens."

Leadership sources had said that Mr Corbyn would lose the whip next month if he went ahead with today's meeting. Ultimately, that could mean that he would not be able to defend his Islington North constituency for Labour at the general election.

Mr Blair and Mr Dewar seized the opportunity to discipline Mr Corbyn, whose activities have often embarrassed the party. But they were unaware of Mr Benn's involvement when they issued their threat. While Mr Corbyn is a relatively easy target, Mr Benn is not and the leadership would be loath to become embroiled in a battle with such a senior figure, still popular on the Left.

Last night the leadership was clinging to the hope that the visit would be called off, although senior Sinn Fein sources said they had no reason to believe that that was the case and Mr Corbyn was reported to be determined that it should go ahead. He said nothing would be achieved by "driving the IRA further into their bunker".

Last week the House authorities banned Mr Adams from holding a press conference to publicise his new autobiography, since Commons rules prevent rooms being used for commercial promotions. But Mr Corbyn — and Mr Benn, as it turned out — helped Mr Adams to get round that by organising today's "private meeting". There is no bar on any member of the public going to Westminster to meet an MP.

Mr Dewar, who told Mr Corbyn last week not to sponsor a press conference for Mr Adams, said that the plan was "a clear breach of the spirit of the advice given to him and a defiance of the steps taken by the House authorities". It was, Mr Dewar said, "particularly reprehensible in the light of recent events involving the IRA. "If he persists it will be a matter for disciplinary action within the party."

Mr Adams denied yesterday that it was insensitive of him to visit Westminster just as the IRA was suspected of planning a new bombing campaign on mainland Britain. Launching his book, *Before the Dawn*, in west Belfast, he said: "I resent very much British politicians coming here. But I go [to London] not to be dictating to British people how they should live their lives, not to be interfering

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# Tories' recovery in polls falters

By Peter Riddell

THE Tories' recovery in the polls has stalled as Labour consolidates its commanding lead ahead of its annual conference in Blackpool next week, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll was taken over last weekend as the latest Tory infighting about a European single currency was starting to make a big public impact. The Tories have fallen one percentage point over the past month to 29 per cent.

Labour's rating has hardly been affected by the party's recent internal rumblings. Over the past month, party support has risen one point to 52 per cent. This is the same as in June, though it is four points fewer than earlier this year. Labour leaders are relieved that the gap between them and the Tories, now 23 points, has not narrowed further. The Liberal Democrats have edged up a point to 14 per cent, their highest level since May.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,800 adults in 162 sampling points between September 20 and 23. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (9 per cent) or who refused to say (3 per cent)*

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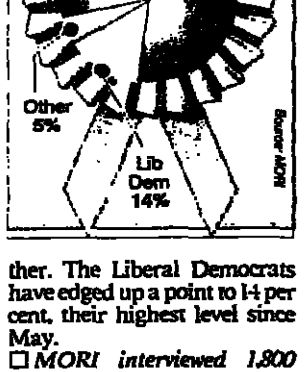

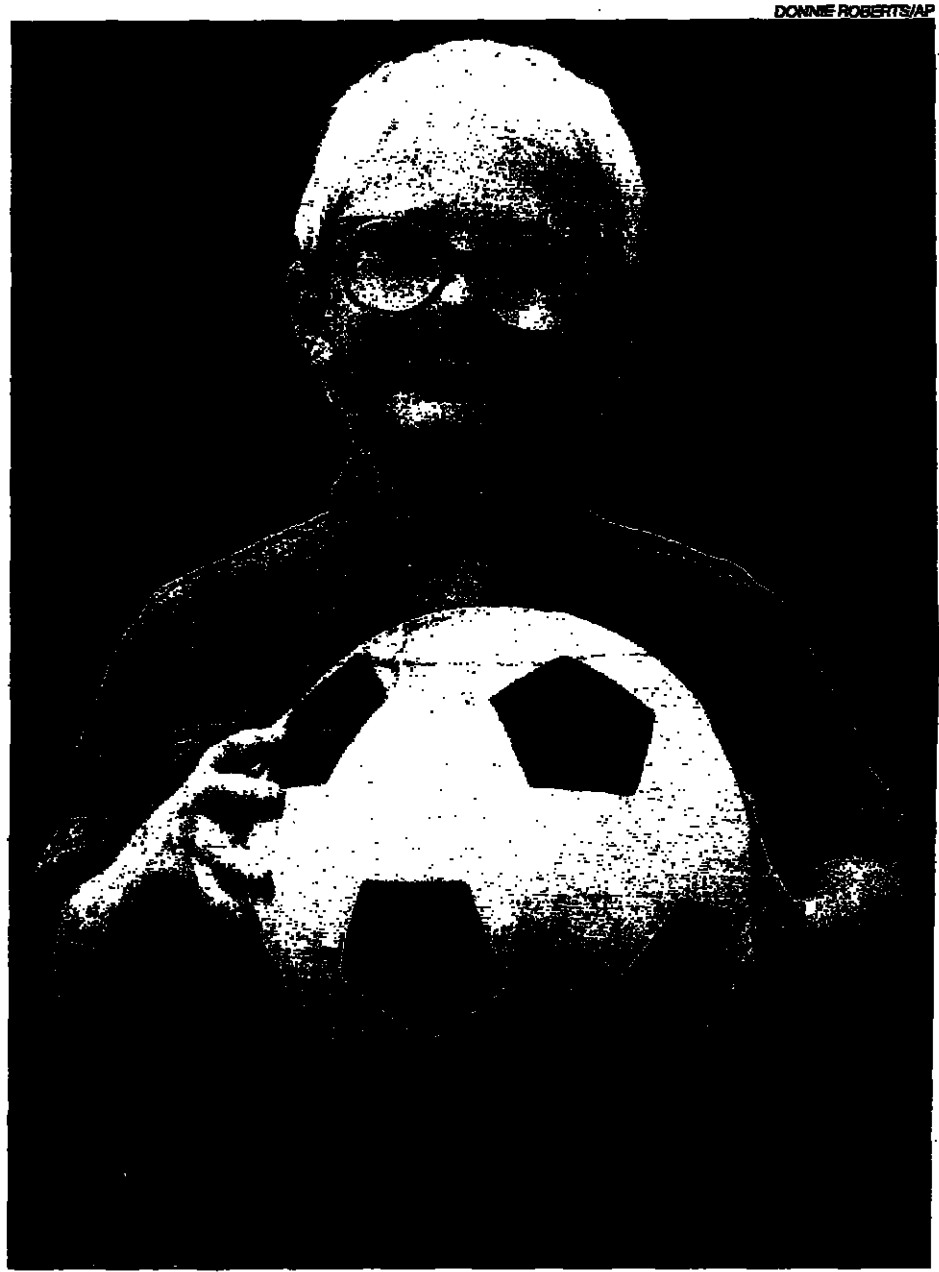

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Johnathan Prevette at home after being suspended for kissing a classmate

# Boy, 6, learns price of a kiss

From Quentin Letts in New York

A SIX-YEAR-OLD boy has been disciplined by his North Carolina primary school for placing an affectionate peck on the cheek of a girl in his class.

Johnathan Prevette, from Lexington, kissed the unnamed girl as a sign of affection, his mother said yesterday. It earned him a rebuke for sexual harassment, and a day's exclusion.

He missed an ice-cream and fizzy drinks party and a colouring lesson he had been invited to for good conduct in school. The controversial kiss was bestowed at the end of a cleaning-up session in which the two children had been tidying their classroom.

"A six-year-old kissing another six-year-old is inappropriate behaviour," said Jane Martin for the local school district. "Unwelcome means unwelcome at any age." The code was to prevent "an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment".

The kiss was seen by a teacher who submitted a report to the school principal, Lisa Horne. Inquiries were made and Johnathan's action was deemed to have contravened the school's code against "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature". The code is part of a fat book of school rules.

*Jackie Prevette*, mother of Johnathan, said that it was impossible for the six-year-old to grasp the concept of sexual harassment. It was the first time Johnathan had been in trouble, but he was put in detention for the day.

Mrs Prevette said: "The principal asked the little girl if she had asked Johnathan to kiss her. The little girl said no. Of course, if I was a six-year-old I'd be scared to death."

The mother added: "Johnathan understands he kissed a little girl, and they got into trouble for it. But that's about it. This makes children wonder 'should I hug somebody?' It's no wonder we have all these people with behaviour problems."

*Mrs Prevette* argued that

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# Mass violence on West Bank threatens peace

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

A DAY of mass violence, unprecedented since the end of the intifada, yesterday brought the three-year-old peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians dangerously close to final collapse. By last night four Palestinians were dead and more than 200 had been wounded by Israeli security forces.

Shawqi Harb, director of the municipal hospital in Ramallah, where the bulk of the fighting took place, said that most of the wounded had been injured by rubber bullets or were suffering from the effects of gas inhalation. But, towards the end of the day, he added "we have been getting M16 gunshot wounds, mostly in the brain and chest . . . We have at least six or seven very critical patients. We expect some of them to die."

According to the Palestinian authorities, three of the four people killed were Palestinian policemen.

After earlier mass protests by Palestinians enraged by Israeli archaeological digging in occupied east Jerusalem near al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, a fierce gun battle broke out between uniformed Palestinian policemen and Israeli troops on the edge of Ramallah, north of the city. Both sides blamed the other for starting the fighting.

Since the violence came at a time of high military tension between Israel and Syria and was provoked by a dispute between Muslims and Jews stretching back centuries, there were fears that it could spill over into wider conflict.

The crisis mood was heightened by the absence in France of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who is on a tour of Europe. Today the 22-member Arab League will hold an emergency session in Cairo to demand immediate action against Israel. Threats of even greater violence against the Jewish state are to be issued during Friday prayers tomorrow.

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# Professor's first editions end up in the dustcart

By Robin Young

A LEADING literary critic has mistakenly consigned his collection of books and papers to a municipal dustcart.

Sir Frank Kermode, former King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at Cambridge University, mistook Cambridge dustmen for removal men while he was moving house in May. He did not realise what was happening to his first editions, volumes with personal dedications and irreplaceable manuscripts until about 30 boxes had been thrown into the dustcart and crushed by its compactor.

Now Sir Frank, who will be 77 in November, is claiming £20,000 compensation, alleging that many of the books and manuscripts in the dustcart were so thoroughly crushed that some have been irretrievably lost and others irreparably damaged.

The academic showed three council dustmen, who had been asked to make a special waste collection, into a room at the house he was leaving and indicated a large collection of boxes which he wanted removed. When he realised where the boxes had gone, he asked the men to retrieve them from the cart, but they said they could not for safety reasons.

Instead, the cart was taken to a depot and unloaded. Arthur Savage, support services manager in Cambridge council finance department, said yesterday: "We still have the boxes at a depot and we are waiting for Sir Frank to collect them. We are contesting Sir Frank's claim for compensation because we do not believe we did anything wrong.

"They were clearly identified as city council employees and how they could be thought to be removal men I just do not know. They were there by prior arrangement. Once it was realised they had been mistaken for removal men, they could not go back into the vehicle to rescue the professor's belongings because you cannot crawl into a compacting machine."

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# Lunchless Liberals make a meal of their deepest principles

**MATTHEW PARRIS**
POLITICAL SKETCH

Four causes rouse special passion in a Liberal breast. One is local government. They really care about pavement politics and their voice in town halls nationwide is jealously guarded.

Another is disability. To a Liberal Democrat, if the struggle is not about protecting the disadvantaged, it is about nothing.

The third is race. Liberals will bend over backward to show consideration to anyone from a minority ethnic group.

The fourth cause is more selfish: every Liberal's ceaseless search for free food. Some never enter the conference hall but spend their days wandering, like buffalo over the African plain, from nosh to nosh. A foodless debate risks an empty room.

Hold in your mind those four great goals: pavement politics, anti-racism, pro-disability and free nosh. A clash within Liberal democracy between any two of these impulses would bring turmoil. A clash between all four would be emotional agony.

That clash occurred yesterday at the Sheridan Hotel in Brighton, around lunch. In defence of their local government heritage, Liberal Democrats found themselves obliged to miss lunch, shout down a man with a speech defect, and then rough up a black man.

The pain this caused them was pitiful to observe.

But to begin at the beginning ... the Urban Campaign Network plus bearded Tony Greaves, old fashioned liberal and famous wild man of the local government undergrowth, had fronted a lunchtime fringe entitled: "Why We Don't Want To Get Into Bed With Labour". The aim was to marshall opposition to Mr Ashdown's rumoured plans to cuddle up to a Blair government. Many Liberal Democrats in local government believe that to get "hitched up" (as Greaves put it) with Labour would wreck the party's foundations.

"A meeting for all activists who *don't* see Labour through rose-tinted spectacles!" said the handout. Greaves, a canny old owl, knew the topic was hot and saw his chance to save money on sausage rolls, so (in smaller print) dismayed delegates read "no free food or drink — but plenty of free expression".

Fighting the urge to graze at a rival meeting — "energy from waste (*free refreshments!*)" — scores turned up. They were in a mood to kill.

They think Ashdown is plotting to sell their heritage for a mess of Blairite potage. As the meeting progressed they grew angrier. "I don't like the word 'consensus', I prefer 'suspicion'!" barked an Islington lady councillor. Greaves told them Labour was "rotting from within" and everyone cheered. "Don't sell the faith!" shouted one councillor, and they cheered some more. "Labour will naff up, make no mistake!" yelled another, to supporting whoops. Then an articulate, young black delegate rose. Paddy was right, he said, to think about a pact. There was a confused growl from the floor. "Careerist!" shouted someone, surprising himself. "Are we serious about power," demanded the youth. "Rubbish!" shouted someone else.

"We may need to deal with Labour."

"Join'm then!" "Turn off the TV cameras!" "He only came for the TV!" Soon the black man was being barracked on all sides. He found himself in a smaller minority than the ethnic one. A minority of two, as it turned out, for now a man arose, a thoughtful man, with a stammer. "To be f-f-fair to Labour ..." he began. "Why?" shouted someone. Soon, hindered by his stammer, he too was being interrupted cruelly.

These gentle people became like wild beasts. As I left, the black man was being attacked on the stairs. Someone was jabbing a finger at his chest shouting: "People like *you* ...," and then, "'Ow much did Paddy pay you?"

I ran for cover.

European Court's decision seen as green light for evictions

# Gypsy must stop living in caravan on her own land

By Frances Gibb and Ian Murray

A GYPSY faces prosecution and eviction after the Euroean Court of Human Rights ruled yesterday that she could not legally stay in her caravan on her own land.

June Buckley, 32, had appealed against her local council's refusal to grant planning permission for her family to live in three caravans on land she owns in Willingham, Cambridgeshire. But the court in Strasbourg backed South Cambridgeshire District Council's stance in a ruling that is being seen as a landmark decision on gypsy rights. Mrs Buckley had argued that by refusing planning permission the council was denying her traditional gypsy rights. But the court said the council's decision was justified in the interests of the protection of the rights of others.

Kathleen Crandall, the council's legal and housing officer, said staff would now be under pressure to enforce their ruling. That could initially mean prosecution and then possibly eviction.

Mrs Buckley, who has lived illegally on the land with her three children for eight years, has refused offers of a place on a nearby local authority gypsy site. She said she planned to continue the fight to stay in her caravans, which planning officials say are an eyesore.

Some 15 gypsies, including one of Mrs Buckley's neighbours, have similar cases to be heard. Gypsy leaders estimate that between 300 and 400 gipsies are illegally living on their own land throughout Britain. They now fear that councils across the country will take the European Court's decision as a green light to press ahead with evictions.

Mrs Buckley said yesterday: "I am disappointed but I didn't pin too much hope on it because we have had so many disappointments. I have got nowhere else to go. I am not going on the site, so there is only one way and that is to carry on."

Mrs Crandall said that Mrs had exhausted various appeals. "I do feel our priority now is to help her find somewhere else," she added. "Mrs Buckley has had a long run without planning permission and understandably villagers in Willingham will now be expecting us to enforce our decision."

The council said it had an excellent record on giving planning permission to gypsies and dismissed any suggestion of discrimination. Eli Frankham, president of the Romani Rights Association, said the court's ruling was bad news for many gipsies who did not want to live on council sites but wanted to settle on their own land.

"People don't want to stay on council sites because all too often there are youngsters causing running riot there and trouble. Gypsies today cannot travel around in the way they used to, because they get moved on after a few days. Now people want a base where they can live on their own land and have their children educated."

Luke Clements, Mrs Buckley's solicitor, said the court had judged the case on the basis of a complaint made in 1991, when the law covering campsites for travellers was different. "Since then the 1994 Criminal Justice Act has removed the duty on local authorities to provide camp sites and has criminalised camping on waste ground. There are at least 15 cases waiting to go to Strasbourg based on these issues and we are confident of winning them."

He said Mrs Buckley still had a Court of Appeal hearing pending on her own case.

TONY WHITE

June Buckley, who has been told she must move

# Police chief condemns 'university' policemen

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A SENIOR police leader warned "progressive" chief constables yesterday against opposing Government plans for tougher sentencing policies and condemned them for being out of step with their commanders on the streets.

Chief Superintendent Brian MacKenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, said there was a "new breed of younger, university-educated chief constables" who allied themsolves with the senior judges who have opposed plans by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

Speaking in front of Mr Howard at the association's annual conference in Stratford on Avon Mr MacKenzie offered support for proposals including a "two strikes and you're out" life sentence for serious violent and sexual offenders and stiffer sentences for burglars and drug dealers and cuts in remission.

Although he declined to name which senior officers he had in mind, Mr MacKenzie told delegates: "The clear steer I have from hard-bitten superintendents working at the coal face of policing is that we support your long-needed reforms and we will not alter our position one jot, however many young and so-called progressive chief constables call for 'enlightened, socially acceptable solutions'." Mr MacKenzie said it was in the national interest for the proposals to go through.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BMA rebuked over doctors' 53% claim

Doctors leaders were reprimanded by NHS managers yesterday for claiming a 53 per cent pay rise. The British Medical Association said that the rise was necessary to bring doctors back into line with solicitors and accountants. Doctors had slipped progressively in the earnings league since 1980. The BMA said there was growing evidence of recruitment and retention problems in the NHS and fair comparisons with comparable occupations "should be the most important factor in setting doctors' pay."

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said that the pay claim would bankrupt the NHS. "The BMA is simply not living in the real world." Philip Hunt, the director, said. The association challenged the BMA's claim that doctors' pay had not kept pace with comparable professions.

### Dilemma for Hogg

The European Parliament yesterday called Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to Brussels to explain Britain's handling of the BSE affair. The meeting is set for October 8, the opening day of the Conservative Party conference, when he is due to open a debate on agriculture. If Mr Hogg decides to testify before the public hearing he will face hostile questions from MEPs, the majority of whom believe that Britain has grossly mishandled the BSE affair.

### Pope 'prepared to quit'

The Pope has signed a "resignation note" in the event that his mental capacities decline because of a serious illness, according to a report in tomorrow's *Catholic Herald*. The weekly newspaper claims it has "tentative" confirmation that the Pontiff has Parkinson's disease as well as the appendix due to be taken out in an operation next month. The Vatican has denied reports in France that the Pope has Parkinson's disease.

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### Architects vie for prize

A factory for Doc Marten shoes and a new station for Blackpool's famous roller-coaster are among the 51 Royal Institute of British Architects' regional awards today. The list starts off the race to win Riba's new £20,000 Stirling Prize, architecture's equivalent of the Turner Prize for artists. The jury described the roller-coaster station as "seriously fun" and offering "a lofty backdrop to the snaking queue of aspirants and quaking bodies of descendants".

# Courts martial changes not enough, judges told

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

PROPOSED reforms of courts martial in Britain would not end the unfairness of the system, judges at the European Court of Human Rights were told today. Revised procedures, designed to reinforce the independence of the military courts, will come into force in April. But that would not help Alexander Findlay, his lawyer, John Mackenzie, told the judges in Strasbourg.

Mr Findlay, 35, was court-martialled in 1991 after taking army colleagues hostage at gunpoint during a tour of duty in Northern Ireland. He was suffering post-traumatic stress disorder after serving in the Falklands War.

He did not attend the hearing yesterday because he is still traumatised. Mr Mackenzie told the court that the former soldier had been denied a fair hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal, as required by the Convention on Human Rights to which Britain is a signatory. He urged the judges not only to find the Government in violation of the convention but to award substantial compensation to Mr Findlay.

The case is the first in a series of attempts by army and RAF personnel to have the courts-martial system scrapped as a breach of human rights. If the judges back Mr Findlay, the Ministry of Defence could face dozens of compensation claims and a bill for millions of pounds, even though significant changes have already received Royal Assent and take effect on April 1 next year.

Mr Findlay, a former Scots Guard now living in Windsor, pleaded guilty at his court martial and was jailed for two years. He threatened other members of his unit, firing two shots, after a heavy drinking session. He also threatened to kill himself. The soldier was jailed despite psychiatric evidence that he had been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder at the time.

Mr Mackenzie said that the current courts-martial procedure could not be deemed a properly constituted court with appropriately trained officials having legal qualifications or experience. Decision-making members of courts martial had minimal or no legal expertise and record-keeping was "rudimentary and haphazard".

Philip Havers, QC, for the Government, told the court that the new system would be very different. He emphasised that there would always be a need for special arrangements for the Armed Forces.

Mr Findlay has already received £100,000 from the Ministry of Defence after a civil action alleging negligence in failing to treat his post-traumatic stress. Judgment will be given next year.

# Price of kiss

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the rules on sexual harassment should apply only to older children. The case threatened the innocence of young America. She added: "I don't want other kids to have to go through this."

No comment was forthcoming from the school's authorities yesterday. As for the offender, he seemed to have overcome the upset. Asked if he intended to go on hugging people, he said: "Yep. Sure!"

☐ It was only a matter of time before primary schools in Britain had to draw up rules defining decent conduct, a teacher union said yesterday (David Charter writes).

Some recent high-profile cases of disruptive infants were fuelled by playground jealousies over relationships, said Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers.

But none of the main teacher unions has had to advise members on how to keep amorous infants apart. The Education Department knew of no cases where a primary school child had been expelled for kissing a classmate.

# MP with penchant for provocation

By James Landale
Political Reporter

JEREMY CORBYN, the left-wing MP who has been criticised by the Labour leadership for organising a Commons visit for Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, is nothing if not persistent.

Elected MP for Islington North in June 1983, one of the first things he did was to invite Mr Adams to visit Parliament. Mr Adams had been elected as MP for West Belfast at the same time, but refused to take his seat.

Since then, Mr Corbyn has invited a range of other Sinn Fein supporters and IRA sympathisers to the Commons. Each time he has been reprimanded by the Labour leadership but he has never had the Whip withdrawn.

In autumn 1983, Mr Corbyn tried but failed to secure permission for Mr Adams to speak on the fringe of Labour's annual conference. The next year, he invited two republican spokesmen to speak at the Commons. The move, which came only two weeks after the Brighton bombing, provoked a rebuke from the then Labour Chief Whip, Michael Cocks. Mr Corbyn was unrepentant, saying he believed that "any MP who wishes to meet people who have points of view to raise must have the right to do that".

In 1987 he employed as a researcher Ronan Bennett, whose conviction for the murder of an RUC inspector in the 1970s had been quashed on appeal. Mr Bennett later had his Commons security pass withdrawn and Mr Corbyn was given a a dressing-down by the Labour Chief Whip, Derek Foster.

Last year, Mr Corbyn invited Mr Adams to the Commons to help him launch another book. Although Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, banned Mr Adams from launching the book, he was permitted to talk about the peace process.

Mr Corbyn has also angered the Labour leadership by sharing platforms with Sinn Fein supporters. He has participated in marches calling for British troops to be pulled out of Northern Ireland and in 1988, he shared a platform with Richard McAuley, a Sinn Fein spokesman, to commemorate the death of the IRA hunger-strike, Bobby Sands.

He has also been a fierce critic of Tony Blair's bipartisan approach to the Northern Ireland peace process.

Despite Mr Corbyn's undoubted sincerity in his support of the republican movement, it also reflects the sympathies of some of his constituents. Islington North has one of the highest numbers of Irish-born residents.

# MP faces expulsion

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with their Government or with society there, but to try and inform public opinion as to the situation here."

Mr Adams, who refused to take his seat at Westminster when he was MP for West Belfast between 1983 and 1992, said that he had spoken to Labour and Conservative MPs at Westminster in the past. "My engagement is with Jeremy Corbyn. I will be there in the House of Commons. I understand, for reasons that I am not entirely *au fait* with, that the press conference has been proscribed."

While the Labour leadership has dissociated the whole party from the proposed visit, Mr Corbyn was defended by his Labour colleague David Winnick last night. Mr Winnick, who is vice-chairman of the British Irish Parliamentary body, said: "I support his right to hold the meeting but would urge him to engage in tough talking as the prospect of a united Ireland is even more remote than at any time in the last 25 years."

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## Fashion queen's young rivals underdress to impress at opening of London fashion week

Antonio Berardi teased with diaphanous designs

# Westwood announces return to London catwalk

By Grace Bradberry
Style Editor

THE *grande dame* of British design, Vivienne Westwood, announced yesterday that she would be showing her collections in England for the first time in a decade as London Fashion Week opened with a stunning show by a rising star.

Westwood's change of heart may have been helped by the appearance of designers such as Antonio Berardi, 27, who yesterday seemed to be reaching for her crown as he showed a dazzling and outrageous *spring/summer* collection in the Crush Bar of the Royal Opera House.

A visible panty line, the *bête noir* of well-dressed women, was a feature of his collection with knickers in contrasting colours beneath diaphanous mini-dresses. One dress was so mini that it ended at waist level at the back and was worn with no knickers at all.

Berardi, who graduated from St Martin's School of Art in 1994, echoed Westwood's style with corset dresses and a mini-crinoline worn over pedal-pushers. For the finale she showed an enormous black chiffon feathered hat with a black and purple mini-dress.

The fashion world appeared to love Berardi's bordello glamour. The front row was packed with key figures from the industry, including Mario Testino, the photographer of the moment. Some rose from their seats to give Berardi a standing ovation as he emerged at the end of the show on the arm of the model Honor Fraser.

Westwood: linked with French couture house

Westwood, 55, who made her name as the Queen of Punk in the 1970s, announced that from next March she would show her demi-couture collection in Paris, her menswear in Milan and her Red Label ready-to-wear collection in London.

Her return is another sign that British fashion, and with it London, is undergoing a renaissance. John Rocha and Katharine Hamnett, who abandoned London for a few seasons, have also returned.

Still overseas is John Galliano, currently the designer of Givenchy. Westwood had been tipped to follow his lead and take over a French couture house, Christian Dior, after the departure of the Italian designer Gianfranco Ferre next month.

Yesterday's announcement fuelled that speculation. Did Westwood's decision mean that she was trying to re-establish herself as a shockingly original Brit to sway the decision-makers at Dior? Or did it mean that the job had gone elsewhere and she was moving in a new direction?

Half the fashion world believes that Westwood will get the job, the other half believes that it has gone to Galliano, who will move from Givenchy to Dior. In a game of fashion musical chairs, another Briton, Alexander McQueen, would be the favourite for the Givenchy job. McQueen made his name with daring "bumster" trousers.

Whatever happens at Dior, there are plenty of other young Turks besides McQueen snapping at Westwood's heels. Other designers showing yesterday included Ronit Zilkha, a favourite of Cherie Booth, who offered citrus-coloured shorts, tops and shift-dresses and more conservative beige and brown suits. Tanya Sarne of Ghost showed a new line called Saraph, which included long white dresses with a tie-dye-style blue print.

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SIMON WALKER

Berardi's "bordello glamour" on display yesterday

# Vicar jailed for abusing girl who sought help

By Paul Wilkinson

A VICAR was jailed yesterday for sexually assaulting a schoolgirl who turned to him for comfort after a previous indecent assault. John Poole looked stunned as Judge Norman Jones, QC, told him that although he was of previously outstanding character and had devoted his life to the Church, he could not overlook the seriousness of the assault.

Bradford Crown Court was told that the 15-year-old girl had been sent to Mr Jones, vicar of St Paul's Church in Shipley, west Yorkshire, for counselling after she was sexually assaulted while at a youth camp.

Under the guise of confirmation classes, Poole, 50, had met the girl on a one-to-one basis. The vicar, who is married with four adult children, pleaded guilty to indecent assault in May 1995. He was jailed for four months.

Michael Bosomworth, for the prosecution, said: "It is not entirely clear what sort of relationship was built up over this period, but it seems to have been a close one. Hugs seem to have been exchanged. Regrettably matters proceeded further."

Poole said that overwork had played a part in the assault, and that he could not understand how it had happened. He told police: "It was as if I was falling into a well."

Roger Thomas, for the defence, said that Poole had left the Church. His wife was standing by him.

# Duchess may face questions in court on her private life

By Peter Foster

THE Duchess of York faces the prospect of having to answer questions in court about her private life as she tries to ban a book containing details of her relationship with John Bryan, her former financial adviser.

The Duchess has been told to find £500,000 within two weeks to pay into court as security after a judge ruled that the dispute over the publication of *Fergie: Her Secret Life* should be settled in a High Court trial. The book, by Allan Starkie, Mr Bryan's former close friend and business partner, is thought to cover the Yorks' separation, the Duchess's relationship with Mr Bryan, her financial difficulties, and her many schemes to raise money to support her high-spending way of life.

Lawyers acting for the Duchess successfully applied for an injunction against the book last month after Michael O'Mara Books Ltd announced they had signed a deal with Dr Starkie, a former captain in US Army intelligence. Yesterday, after more than four days of legal argument behind closed doors at the High Court, Mr Justice Astill ruled that the injunction should remain in force pending a full trial, to open on October 7. The Duchess could be called to give evidence in person.

The Duchess, who was not in court, was told she must put up £500,000 by the trial date as security for any damages that might be won by Dr Starkie and Michael O'Mara Books Ltd if she loses the case. Lawyers for O'Mara Books said they would immediately apply for the injunction to be lifted if the Duchess, who has been rumoured to be several millions of pounds in debt, did not produce the cash.

If the Duchess fails, she would also be left with a large legal bill. Mr O'Mara, who also published Andrew Morton's bestselling book *Diana: Her True Story*, said outside the High Court yesterday that he expected the Duchess to give evidence at the hearing. He added that she would have to answer "a lot of questions about her relationship with various people over the past six years".

The front cover of the disputed book

Lawyers for Mr O'Mara said they would oppose any application by the Duchess to have the trial heard behind closed doors.

The Duchess is to publish her own memoirs in November after signing a reputed £1 million deal with the American publishers Simon and Schuster. She has promised that nothing she writes will embarrass the Royal Family.

Mr O'Mara added that the injunction would not prevent the book being published abroad. Lawyers for the Duchess refused to comment yesterday on any of the events surrounding the case, but it is understood that they are arguing that Dr Starkie has breached confidentiality agreements between himself and the Duchess.

A friend of the Duchess said she was keen to pursue the matter and would find the required £500,000 if that was necessary to continue her case. The sources added: "This has nothing to do with the Duchess trying to promote her own book. The Simon and Schuster book will succeed regardless of other competitors. This is about the legal matter of holding people to confidentiality agreements made between them."

# Box of chocolates led to job transfer

By Claire White

A BT executive was transferred from his post after sending a woman colleague a box of chocolates as a Christmas present. Yvonne Laurie complained to her bosses of "unwanted attention".

Miss Laurie, 26, also complained that Anthony Manning, 36, had tried to "re-establish a friendship" with her by sending an electronic message to her computer at work, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Four months after leaving the chocolates, Mr Manning, from Shotley, Suffolk, was moved from his job as team leader researching electronic messaging systems for BT in Ipswich. The married father of two, who earns more than £30,000 a year, was transferred to a new post at the BT research station six miles away in Martlesham.

His managers later admitted the transfer was because of his "perceived harassment" of Miss Laurie, the tribunal in

Mr Manning, who still works for BT, is demanding compensation for sexual discrimination on the ground that he was unfairly treated.

"Miss Laurie's complaints against me came after I told her that I considered our friendship was potentially moving in the wrong direction as I was a married man with children," he said. The friendship had "broken down" but he later sent her an e-mail spelling out a decision by managers that their work should be merged. "She claimed I was trying to re-establish a personal friendship. Then when I gave her the chocolates a few months later she complained that I was paying her unwanted attention," he said.

Mr Manning said BT had failed to investigate properly his counterclaim that Miss Laurie's complaints and the stress involved amounted to her harassing him.

The hearing was adjourned

# Dismissed gamekeeper loses appeal

By Richard Duce

A GAMEKEEPER lost his claim for unfair dismissal yesterday after complaints that he ruined the shooting for wealthy clients on an estate.

David Baker, acting for Howard Green, 33, the gamekeeper, said after the tribunal ruling in Exeter: "It just goes to show the way of the country is still ruled by the big house, and people who work in the country are just serfs."

The tribunal had been told by Major Ranulph Rayner, 61, owner of the Ashcombe estate in Devon, that Mr Green's behaviour had become intolerable after he appeared on a BBC documentary in 1994.

Brian Walton, the tribunal chairman, said Major Rayner had cause to complain about the running of the shoot although there was evidence of a conspiracy to sack Mr Green. The tribunal held that Major Rayner acted fairly because he reasonably believed there had been miscon-

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## Suspected terrorist in custody in London thought to be associate of IRA chief of staff

# O'Neill was wanted for Dockland bomb attack

By Audrey Magee

O'Neill, who could trace his republican lineage back to Domhnall O Buachalla and Easter 1916

DIARMUID O'Neill, the IRA suspect shot dead by police on Monday, was wanted in connection with the Docklands bomb in east London which ended the 17-month paramilitary ceasefire, according to Gardai sources yesterday.

Senior Irish police in Cork said that O'Neill, 27, was recognised as a significant figure in the IRA six months ago. Irish and British police became aware of him in 1988 when he embezzled £75,000 from a Bank of Ireland branch in London, lodging £40,000 in a Dublin bank account for the IRA. He faded into the background after serving six months of a one-year sentence.

O'Neill again became the focus of police attention during investigations into the Docklands bomb in February in which two people died. Police believe that O'Neill was involved in planting the bomb and had been seeking him in connection with this and other IRA attacks.

He shared his one-bedroom flat, which overlooks Hammersmith police station in west London, with a Spanish girlfriend called Karmele Ereno, the company that manages the property said. Señora Ereno was a previous tenant and continued a relationship with O'Neill after he took the tenancy.

Police sources said O'Neill was recruited by the IRA in London. From the age of 15 he sold *An Phoblacht*, Republican News, in pubs in Kilburn and Cricklewood, northwest London suburbs with sizeable Irish communities.

O'Neill was a regular visitor to Co Cork where his parents had a cottage. The couple retired to the property in Kilbrittain 18 months ago. Locals said yesterday it would be inappropriate for O'Neill to be buried near a village that has no affiliation with the IRA. O'Neill spent about eight weeks in west Cork during the summer. Police sources said he made several brief visits to Ireland, spending most of his time with his parents.

Meanwhile, one man in police custody in London is believed to be an associate of a man from the Republic of Ireland reputed to be the IRA chief of staff. According to a report in the *Irish Times*, the man in custody comes from Co Fermanagh. Five years ago he moved to County Monaghan, the home of the IRA chief of staff. Police said that he was in regular contact with the IRA leader and was implicated in a number of robberies in Co Fermanagh in the late 1980s.

The republican influence that turned O'Neill into a suspected IRA volunteer stretches back to the 1916 Easter Rising in which his reputed great-uncle took part. Friends of the O'Neills in Cork say they talk proudly of Domhnall O Buachalla, a member of the first Dail Eireann (Irish Parliament).

O'Neill's paternal grandmother was related to O Buachalla, who was a member of the Irish Volunteers, the forerunners of the IRA. O Buachalla, who died in 1963, led a detachment of Volunteers from his home in Maynooth, Co Kildare, into action in Dublin. After being interned for his part in the rising he was elected as Sinn Fein MP for Kildare in the 1918 general election in which the party won well over 50 per cent of the vote in Ireland. As a republican he refused to take his seat at Westminster and sat in what Sinn Fein called the first Dail Eireann in 1919.

O Buachalla opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 which divided Ireland, and supported the Irregulars, the anti-Treaty IRA activists, during the Irish civil war between 1922-23. He was a friend of Eamon de Valera, the Republic's former Prime Minister and President, with whom he founded the Fianna Fail party in the late 1920s.

At De Valera's request, O Buachalla served as Governor-General between 1932-37 when the newly-independent Irish Free State was nominally a British dominion. O Buachalla did not reside at the vice-regal lodge, but in a house in south Dublin and commuted on a bicycle.

Diarmuid O'Neill, whose family origins lie in the republican-steeped history of west Cork but who spent his life in west London, also seems to have regarded the Provisional IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands as a hero.

Sands, the gunman who won the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election in 1981, died shortly afterwards in the Maze prison after having refused to sanction food and medical intervention for 66 days.

PETER NICHOLLS

O'Neill's flat, the top two windows above the bookmakers, which overlooked Hammersmith police station

# Family may want an independent post-mortem

By Staff Reporters

THE family of Diarmuid O'Neill are considering a second independent post-mortem examination, it emerged yesterday as republican groups began questioning the circumstances of the shooting.

Police sources maintain the police action was justified. O'Neill was unarmed when he was hit by six bullets.

Dr John Burton, coroner for west London, opened and adjourned the inquest into O'Neill's death after announcing that the evidence would have to be considered by a jury. O'Neill died after police raids in London that yielded more than ten tons of home-made explosive.

Dr Burton said he was also waiting to find out what the family wanted. One message suggested they wanted to take the body to Ireland for burial but another from the family's solicitors, Birnberg & Co, asked if Dr Burton's officers could retain the body for a second post-mortem examination.

An independent investigation into the shooting will be held by the Police Complaints Authority. Between 15 and 20 armed officers were involved in the raid on a guesthouse in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, west London, where O'Neill was staying. All the officers were warned beforehand that they could face armed terrorists at the address and it would be the most dangerous assignment of the various raids. The officer who opened fire on O'Neill was a constable with the Yard's SO19 specialist firearms unit. He believed that O'Neill was about to threaten his life and the lives of other officers he was with. He and all the other officers have made statements about the shooting and been offered legal advice by the Police Federation.

Yesterday the five men arrested during the raids were still being questioned by anti-terrorist branch officers at Paddington Green police station as police were given an extension to hold them under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for a further 72 hours. One of them is O'Neill's brother Shane. Diarmuid was living above a shop in Fulham Palace Road, a quarter of a mile from the guesthouse where he died.

As Father Malachy Loughran, a local priest, described how the O'Neill family had been well known in the area, there were fears that Diarmuid O'Neill's death would be exploited. Already a picket has been mounted by 30 members of *Fuascailt*, the Irish Political Prisoners Campaign, at Paddington Green police station.

The group, which says it takes advice from Sinn Fein, is protesting about an alleged "shoot to kill" policy by the Government.

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# Drive feud drove neighbours to court

By Richard Duce

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Dr Hampton and his wife Jaqueline, left, arriving at court yesterday, and the Roses outside their home. They moved to the country for the peace

RETIREMENT for a former Cambridge professor and his wife passed in rural tranquility for almost a decade until a family doctor and his children moved in next door.

Jasper and Jean Rose had always parked their Volkswagen in the courtyard outside the front door of their converted mansion house home. All that changed when James Hampton bought the £300,000 conversion next door at the mansion near Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and with it the ownership of the 200-yard driveway, Bristol County Court was told.

Until then Professor Rose, 66, and his wife Jean were content to entertain friends and play the piano in the music room. Apart from her painting Mrs Rose also enjoyed being able to sweep up the drive in her car and park outside the front door.

Dr Hampton decided that the Roses should no longer park outside their own front door on the driveway because it blocked his view of the surrounding countryside.

The lengthy dispute that followed over who should be allowed to park where descended into allegation of rudeness against the three young Hampton children and claims that the doctor chopped back the Roses' beech hedge. Professor Rose went on to claim that cars were deliberately boxed in and loud music led him to call in environmental health officers.

Eventually he issued a writ against Dr Hampton, a GP in Bath, which led the two men to the County in Bristol where, after two days of argument, they decided to settle. Details of the agreement were not released but it is understood that Dr Hampton will allow Profesor Rose to park on the drive when it is "reasonably necessary".

Judge Weeks, QC, told them: "I am glad you have eventually reached agreement between yourselves."

The Roses moved to Wingfield House, a Grade II building, in 1986 when Professor Rose returned from working at the University of California. He left his Cambridge professorship in 1963.

He told the court: "I moved there because it was out in the country and quite peaceful. But how pleased we were that the house next door was going to be occupied. Children always smile and laugh and say amusing and funny things — but they said some very rude things to me.

"Things deteriorated badly. We had two elderly ladies to lunch, both widows. One was not well. They had parked outside our front door. During the course of lunch Dr Hampton rang up and spoke to my wife. Our guests left and as they left he came out and shouted at my wife. I cannot say that we have enjoyed good relations since then."

Charles Auld, for the Hamptons, asked Professor Rose if he behaved as if he was the lord of the manor. He replied: "I am astonished. I don't think that I am the lord of the manor. It is not a manor house and I spent a lot of time in the USA."

Professor Rose also rejected a compromise where he was allowed to park for an hour to unload and load his car. "We need to come and go without this timetable. A timetable of that kind is quite unsuitable for a place like this. When we have people to dinner, we don't want the moment that they arrive — scantily-clothed in winter — to have to go and park their car elsewhere. We want to say 'Come in'. We don't want to say, in the middle of the fish course, 'Go and move the car'."

He also claimed that Dr Hampton, without permission and while he was on holiday, chopped back his beech hedge, which stretched 80 yards along the drive. "The cutting back of the hedge has been a devastation. I have become friendly towards my hedge. When you look after trees, you begin to feel for them."

After the settlement, Dr Hampton said: "We want to sell the property but how could we when someone is effectively parking in your front garden? When he parked in front of our house, he blocked our view from the kitchen window. How would you like a car parked outside your house all the time?

"As to destroying his hedge, it was growing onto our land and becoming a menace. We had to cut it back. We are saddened that this came to court. We have settled with goodwill on both sides. We remain on good terms with our neighbours."

# Gang fight was to be a laugh, says boy witness

By Joanna Bale

A SCHOOLBOY played truant to take part in a gang fight that allegedly led to the murder of the headmaster Philip Lawrence because he heard it would be "a laugh", the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

"I thought if I tagged along, it might be funny. I did not really want to stay at school that day," said the boy, now 16. He had played truant from his North London school after being approached in the playground by a friend accompanied by another boy he did not know but who had a Chinese tattoo on his left hand.

The schoolboy witness was described in court by John Bevan, the prosecutor, as courageous for agreeing to give evidence against the gang. Describing himself as an occasional truant, the boy said he met the gang mambers at a Burger King restaurant in Euston — a regular meeting place for gang members.

There he met the 16-year-old boy who is now accused of murdering Mr Lawrence and who he knew to be the gang-leader. Mr Bevan asked him. "What was your understanding of what was going to happen?" He replied: "Just a playground fight really."

At the restaurant he was shown a metal bar in a sport's bag carried by his friend in the gang. "It was black, about 30 to 40cm long . . . it looked like a gearstick for a truck."

The schoolboy then described how the gang-leader organised the 11 or 12 members into groups of three. "He put us into groups and told us what we were going there for . . . to find a boy to beat up."

The tattooed boy, who was at the time a pupil at Mr Lawrence's school, St George's in Maida Vale, northwest London, told the gang the layout of the school and that the headmaster would be at the front gate. The gang travelled by Tube to the school and as they walked towards it the boy giving evidence told his friend that he wanted to leave because "someone had mentioned something about a gun", which the intended victim's friends were going to bring.

The boy lagged behind the gang to talk to a girl he knew from the school. He turned round at the commotion and saw the iron bar being struck down twice but could not tell who was involved.

He then saw a boy, believed to be the 13-year-old victim run off, followed by members of the gang. He caught up with them and the gang-leader joined them and confessed to stabbing Mr Lawrence.

The older boy denies murder. He and another boy, now 15, also deny conspiring to cause Mr Lawrence grievous bodily harm and wounding him. The case continues.

Hill is caught on video as he plays for his team

# Video shots cost cheat his big score

A MAN who won £11,000 damages by fraudulently claiming he tripped on a defective pavement has been ordered to pay the money back after he was filmed playing football.

Peter Hill, 30, was also told to pay £1,100 interest to Liverpool City Council. Hill, of Netherley, Liverpool, was awarded the money in March last year after convincing Liverpool County Court he had damaged a knee. But the council decided to trap him on video and apply for the case to be retried when his name appeared as a goalscorer for his Sunday team in the local paper.

Judge Hamilton said: "There used to be a gibe 'drink is the ruin of the working classes' but now it might be said 'the video is the ruin of the cheating classes.'"

# Troubled police force sacks sex case officer

By Paul Wilkinson

A POLICEMAN has been sacked for improper behaviour at the same police station where sexual harassment of a woman officer cost their force £165,000 compensation.

The uniformed constable, based at Harrogate, was ordered to resign after an internal disciplinary hearing found him guilty on four charges, including harrassing women colleagues.

A spokesman for the North Yorkshire force said yesterday that there was no connection with the case of Libby Ashurst, 27, the detective constable whose career was ruined by harassment from some of her male colleagues in the Harrogate CID office. In a related case PC Amanda Rose received more than £10,000.

Last night a North Yorkshire Police spokesman said that details of the charges and penalties were only for the officer involved and the disciplinary panel.

It is understood that the 32-year-old officer, who lives in Knaresborough, was dismissed after complaints from three women officers about his behaviour, in particular the derogatory way the PC referred to them.

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# Howard to press for stalking law in new Bill

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

MICHAEL HOWARD is to press for laws to outlaw stalking as part of his Criminal Justice Bill to be introduced in the run-up to the next election.

The Home Secretary said yesterday that stalking laws were a high priority and that he would "very much like" legislation on the statute book before May.

He told Radio 4's *Today*: "I have enormous sympathy with the victims of this kind of activity and I have no doubt that we should have a law that gives them proper protection."

Judge Butler, sitting at Southwark Crown Court, called on Tuesday for urgent legislation after Clarence Morris was convicted on assault charges for subjecting Perry Southall, 20, to 200 incidents of harassment. The judge also criticised David Stanton, who defended Morris, for suggesting that Miss Southall brought the situation on herself by dressing like a "queen bee".

The Government has already published a consultation paper proposing two criminal offences and one civil remedy to tackle stalking, but the Home Secretary is likely to press for this to be included in his Criminal Justice Bill, expected to be announced in the Queen's Speech in November.

Mr Howard also distanced himself from the comments of the barrister in Tuesday's case. He said it was "perfectly possible for lawyers to do their duty to their clients in a way that does not bring the justice system into disrepute and I think it is important that that is what happens."

Both the Bar and the Criminal Bar Association yesterday said they would back a new stalking law. David Penry-Davey, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "We recognise that the current law is inadequate and hope there will be a speedy change in both the civil and criminal law."

He would not comment specifically on the statements made by Judge Butler, who publicly dissociated himself from the remarks made by Mr Stanton, because if a complaint is lodged the Bar Council would be involved in dealing with it.

Those remarks, as to whether it was fair that the "queen bee attracting the drones ... cries out 'foul' because somebody finds her attractive", might have been better not made, the judge said.

But Mr Penry-Davey said that barristers had to observe their professional code of conduct in court, which said that they must not make any statement or ask any question that was intended merely to cheapen, insult or annoy a witness.

Nor could a barrister impugn a witness in a speech to the jury without giving the witness the opportunity of dealing with the allegation in cross-examination.

Mr Penry-Davey added: "It is a fine line and can be a very difficult decision as to what can be said. It is sometimes necessary for counsel putting the defence case to make embarrassing, offensive and unpleasant allegations to a witness in the proper prosecution of the client's defence." It was not for a barrister, because his client had previous convictions, to go at the matter "half-heartedly", he added.

Complaints about barristers' remarks in court are rare. Anne Rafferty QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said it came down to a matter of "good taste, style and tone". "These days judges and members of the Bar are vigilant as to good taste and sensitivity when a victim gives evidence. Jurors also know counsel should not throw their weight about."

Barristers had to conduct themselves in court with an eye to everyone else involved in proceedings, she added. "You can't just fling mud about."

Maclean when *Eastern Approaches* appeared

# SAS men honour all-action founder

By Alan Hamilton

PETER TRIEVNOR

Lady Maclean, Sir Fitzroy's widow, is greeted by Winston Churchill, MP, at the memorial service yesterday

**HE MAY, or may not, have been the model for James Bond. But even Fleming's fictional hero would have had difficulty in emulating the catalogue of derring-do that filled the life of Sir Fitzroy Maclean.**

**Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra led a congregation of more than 650 at St George's Church in Hanover Square, central London, yesterday at a memorial service to honour the life of the soldier, politician, bestselling author and irrepressible adventurer who died in June aged 85, in the mundane circumstances of taking a swim at a friend's house in Hertfordshire.**

**Being ordered by Churchill to parachute into wartime Yugoslavia to make contact with Tito's partisans was only one chapter in a life that included helping to found the SAS, writing the modern travel classic *Eastern Approaches*, and visiting Tibet as an octogenarian crippled with arthritis.**

**Lady Soames, Churchill's only surviving child, said in an address to the congregation that there was a providence about Sir Fitzroy that had seen him through a life packed with adventure and danger. "There was a magic that made him accessible to all sorts and conditions of men and women: debutantes, dromedary drovers, statesmen, top service members, partisan fighters, beautiful and clever women, the private soldier and the shepherd on the hills of Strachur [Sir Fitzroy's Scottish home]. Yet with all his approachability he had an intrinsic detachment and reserve, not easy to penetrate," Lady Soames said.**

**Members of the SAS, even in retirement, do not often put their heads above the parapet, but they were well represented at the service for one of their distinguished founders; Major General Jeremy Phipps, a former director of the SAS, read the lesson from Psalm 121, much loved by Scots: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills."**

**And the congregation found themselves murmuring in prayer the regimental collect of the SAS that includes the words, "... grant that the chosen members of the SAS Regiment may by our works and ways dare to win all ...."**

**As Lady Soames said in a final tribute to the most active of men, it is difficult to conceive of Sir Fitzroy in a state of perpetual restfulness.**

Memorial service, page 20

# Amateur leads archaeologists to site of Wallace's victory

By Shirley English

THE remains of Stirling Bridge, where William Wallace defeated the invading English 700 years ago, are believed to have been found by an amateur enthusiast.

Two large stone piers, one visible just a foot below the surface of the River Forth at low tide, have been discovered by Dr Ron Page, a retired lecturer from Stirling University. He used nothing more than a rowing boat, a 10ft metal probe and a glass-bottomed bucket to view the riverbed in his original investigations.

Yesterday the British Geological Survey used sonar equipment to map the underwater sandbanks to see if more piers were buried there. If they find what they are looking for, a full marine archaeological dig will take place next year.

The exact whereabouts of the ancient bridge, site of one of the most important battles in Scottish history, had been a mystery. The 28ft piers found by Dr Page are thought to be two of eight foundation blocks on to which the original wooden bridge was built, possibly in the year 800.

The bridge is believed to have been destroyed in 1297 by the retreating English to prevent Wallace pursuing them south. The English had an army four times the size of his band of volunteers, but they were resoundingly defeated after being tricked into crossing the narrow bridge two-by-two to attack the Scots on the other side.

Dr Page said: "By then it was already a very old bridge. No one knows who built it or how long it had stood there before it was destroyed. We could solve one of Scotland's historical mysteries."

# FBI finds major's body after tip-off

By Richard Duce

THE body of a missing British army officer has been discovered in a remote area of New Mexico, three days after an escaped convict admitted witnessing his murder.

The body of Major David Nichols, 53, was found under rocks and branches close to the village of Villaneuva, east of Albuquerque. The FBI said yesterday that it was believed he had been killed by two gunshots to the head.

Earlier this week Roger Yeadon, the convict, said that a fellow escaped prisoner, Michael Thompson, 35, had shot dead Major Nichols during a robbery at a rest-stop on Interstate 25 in May.

Yeadon, 24, refused to say where Major Nichol, who worked for the Defence School of Languages in Buckinghamshire, had been buried. The FBI said the body had been discovered after a tip-off.

Major Nichol, a father of three who was separated from his wife, disappeared while touring the United States before attending a languages conference. His rented car was found in a lake in Indiana on June 22 and Yeadon and Thompson were arrested the following month.

The convicted criminals had escaped after overpowering a deputy sheriff as they were taken to court in Alabama, and stole the officer's shotgun. Yeadon said that the intention had been to rob Major Nichols but that Thompson had opened fire. Yeadon has been charged with stealing the major's car.

Brigadier Allan Thomson, director of Educational and Army Training Services, said: "Major Nichols was a respected and dedicated officer who gave great service to education in the Army, particularly in the field of language training."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Getaway gang take baby in car

A woman was dragged from her car by four men being pursued by police, who then sped off with the woman's two-year-old daughter strapped in her child seat. The car was halted a short distance away after a motorist blocked its path, and the gang fled on foot in the village of Thornton Hough, Merseyside. Two men found hiding in a shed nearby were arrested; two others are being sought. A sock containing jewellery was found near their abandoned car.

### £2m win claimed

An anonymous syndicate has claimed a £2 million Irish lottery win, ending weeks of speculation about the winner's identity. The ticket was bought on Achill island on August 27 but was assumed lost, causing hundreds of locals to search for it.

### Police bike stolen

Three youths stole a policeman's bicycle after threatening him with a screwdriver. Chief Superintendent John Potts, in charge of the Salford division of Greater Manchester Police, was stopped in Worsley, Greater Manchester, on his way to work.

### Vicar charged

An Anglican clergyman appeared at Northampton Magistrates' Court charged with taking nearly £38,000 from church funds. The Rev Martyn Davis, 37, who faces five theft and two deception charges, was granted unconditional bail.

### Masked killers

Masked gunmen shot a man dead at a card game and injured two others. Shots were fired after three men burst into a house in Leyton, east London, and ordered one of the players to remove his jewellery. Another man was hit with the butt of a gun.

### Teacher accused

A teacher has been suspended after being accused of dangerous use of an air rifle during a physics lesson. The teacher, from Cheltenham Bournside School, Gloucestershire, allegedly used the gun to illustrate a talk on velocity.

## CORRECTIONS

☐ Professor Jerzy Wdowczyk (obituary, September 23) is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son; his birthplace was Sosnica.

☐ A Diary item (September 23) on Dr Anne Lee omitted to mention that she was joining Queenswood, the independent girls' school, as a governor.

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# Operations and drugs may carry warning of risk

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

SURGICAL procedures and medical drugs could in future carry a risk rating to help patients to assess the chance of anything going wrong.

Risks would be ranked from negligible, defined as less than one chance in a million, to high, more than one chance in 100. Between those extremes risks would be ranked as minimal, very low, low, or moderate.

Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, proposed the risk ratings in his annual report on the nation's health published yesterday, in which "safe" implies some risk.

The latest edition of the *Oxford Pocket Dictionary* defines "safe" as "free of danger or injury", or "secure, not risky", but the new Whitehall definition describes "safe" as "negligible risk". Sir Kenneth said that the public and professionals were confused by the range of words used to describe risks. As no human activity is free from risk, Sir Kenneth said it was appropriate to use the word "safe" in association with a negligible risk.

The aim of the risk table, which Sir Kenneth said was for discussion and could be amended, was to try to get the same words used for the same risk so that individuals could make informed judgments.

The table shows that the risk of dying from leukaemia, classed as very low at one chance in 12,000, is less than half the risk of dying of flu, classed as low at one chance in 5,000, although leukaemia is more greatly feared. Sir Kenneth acknowledged that if risk labels were applied, they would have to take account of the seriousness of the condition and whether it was acceptable, avoidable or justifiable.

Although there were no plans to label drugs and operations with their level of risk, Sir Kenneth said that it would be possible. "It is an important issue. We don't do it at the moment. But if people agree to the classification that could be developed."

On the basis of the league table, the risk of getting Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from eating beef would be classified as "unknown and likely to be negligible", Sir Kenneth said. That meant eating beef was safe. "If the word safe is used it must be seen to mean negligible, but should not imply no, or zero, risk," he added.

Sir Kenneth said the Health Department had learnt "a lot of lessons" from last year's scare over the contraceptive Pill when evidence emerged that women taking seven brands of the combined Pill, containing progestogen and oestrogen, were at twice the risk of suffering blood clots in the veins of the legs.

The evidence showed that among a million women taking the combined Pill, three were likely to die from a blood clot compared with 1.5 among a million women taking the older type of Pill. In pregnancy the risk of death from a blood clot is six in a million. Sir Kenneth says in the report: "The message to continue to take the Pill seemed to be ignored in the pressure for action."

Deciding what risks to run was a matter of individual choice. Although the chances of winning the lottery jackpot were put at one in 14 million — "negligible" on the league table — millions nevertheless chose to buy tickets each week.

In his report, Sir Kenneth says the health of the population in England is improving, with deaths from breast cancer, suicide and accidents to children under 15 all down. However, deaths among males aged 15 to 44 rose by 5 per cent between 1985 and 1995, chiefly as a result of violence, suicide and Aids.

☐ *On the State of the Public Health 1995* (HMSO, £16.50)

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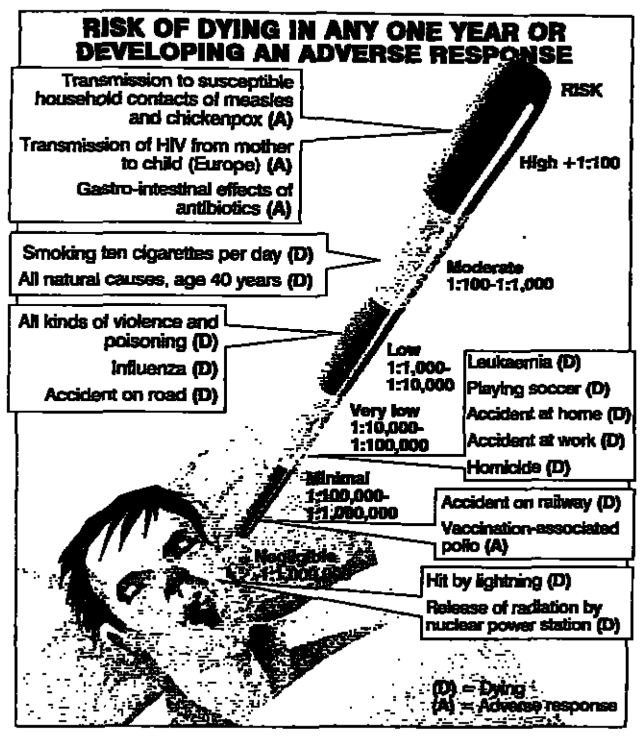

CHRIS HARRIS

Fireman Ian Campbell, who fought to get his job back, with Jo Partington, a British Heart Foundation nurse

# Beating the stigma of cardiac disease

**A FIREMAN who had a heart attack while fighting a blaze had to battle for six months to get his job back (Jeremy Laurance writes).**

**Ian Campbell, 36, went through a string of appeals to overcome the stigma attached to cardiac disease and prove to the Buckinghamshire brigade that he was fit for duty. Mr Campbell, who returned to work in July 1992 after a ten-month absence, is the first fireman to be accepted back after a heart attack.**

**He said: "I remember lying in hospital and overhearing one of the senior officers telling my parents that was the end of my career. That got me. Like most firemen, I do it because I love it."**

**The prejudice surrounding heart disease means that many victims have to give up work even when they are physically capable of doing it, the British Heart Foundation said yesterday. Nearly half of people under 65 who suffer a heart attack or undergo heart surgery have to stop work, according to a survey.**

**Professor Brian Pentecost, the foundation's medical director, said: "There is a lot of stigma attached to heart disease and it can be difficult for sufferers to hold on to their jobs or obtain lighter work. Employers are more likely to take someone with an excellent health record."**

**Dr Pentecost's comments came as the foundation launched a scheme to support heart patients at home after their discharge from hospital which, it is claimed, could save thousands of lives a year.**

**Fifteen specialist nurses will visit patients at home to give advice on diet, exercise and drug treatment. The £1 million pilot scheme could be extended if successful.**

**Professor Pentecost said: "About a third of heart attack survivors die of a second attack within five years. We would hope to reduce deaths by between a third and a quarter."**

# Frozen heart brought back to life

By Nick Nuttall
Technology correspondent

AN end to organ transplant waiting lists could be in sight after scientists successfully froze and thawed a rat's heart. The breakthrough may have come from a team led by Michelle Visser, head of research at Pretoria University's thoracic surgery department, whose findings are to be published in *Cryobiology*.

Researchers are in a race to find a way to freeze organs so that organ banks can be set up. In traditional freezing methods, heart and kidney tissue is damaged by ice crystals.

Dr Visser said they have developed a "cryoprotectant" liquid, a sort of biological antifreeze, that can be pumped into an organ. The liquid, details of which are being kept secret, is non-toxic and, unlike water, does not rupture cells as it freezes, she said.

The rat's heart was cooled to minus 196C before being brought back, beating perfectly, to room temperature. It is not known for how long it was frozen, but freezing any organ for just a few minutes normally causes severe damage. A transplant of a pig's heart into a live animal is planned before the end of the year, according to *New Scientist*.

The research was part-funded by the Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona, one of several organisations that freezes bodies in the hope they can be brought back to life. Among those whose bodies are in a cryogenic state is Walt Disney.

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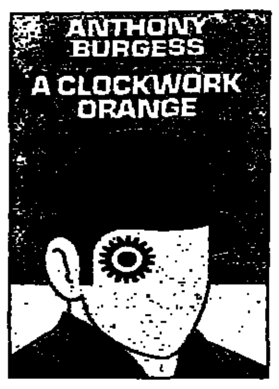

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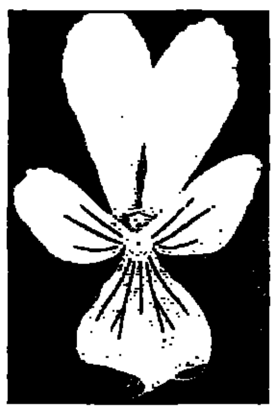

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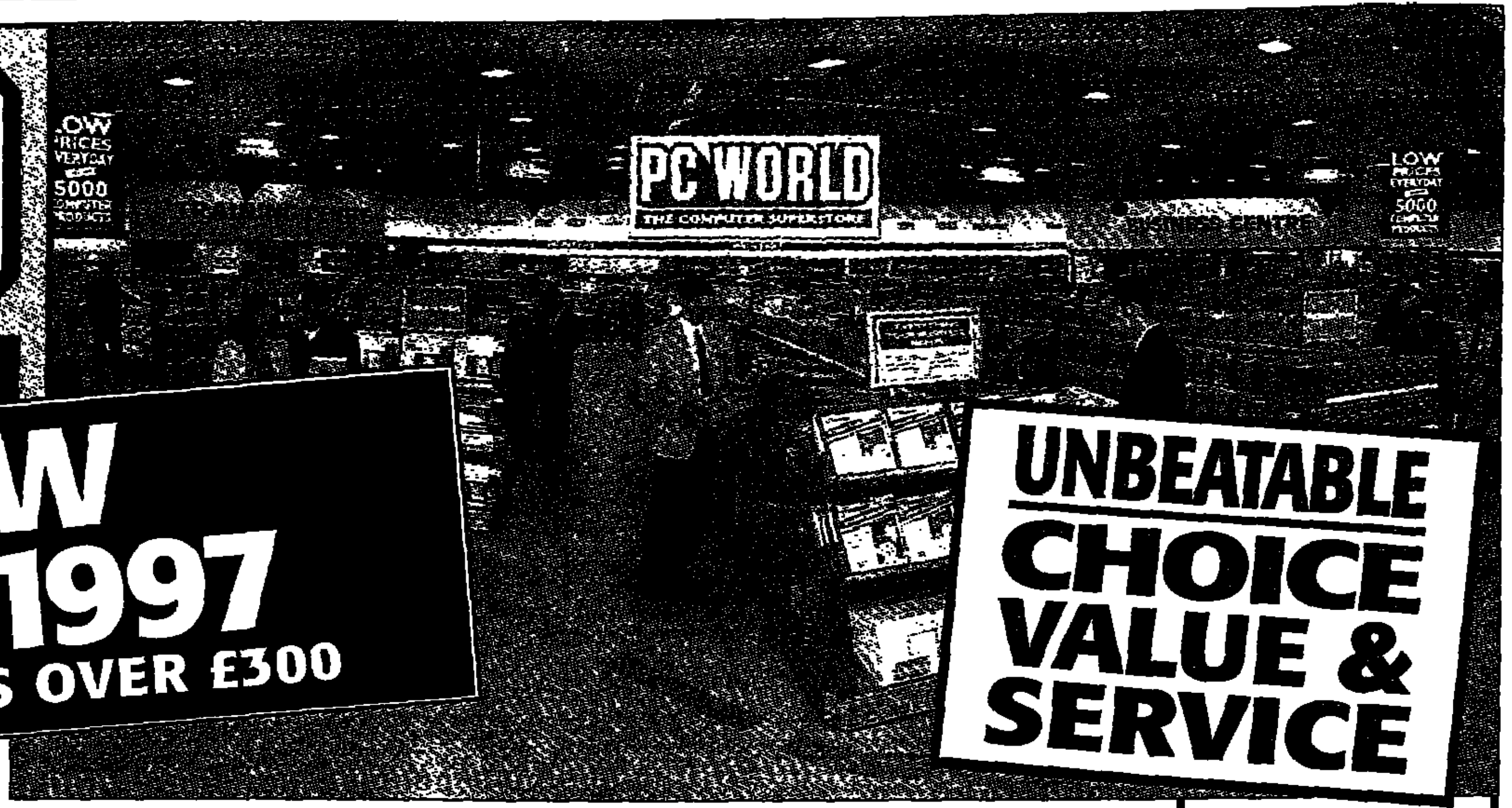

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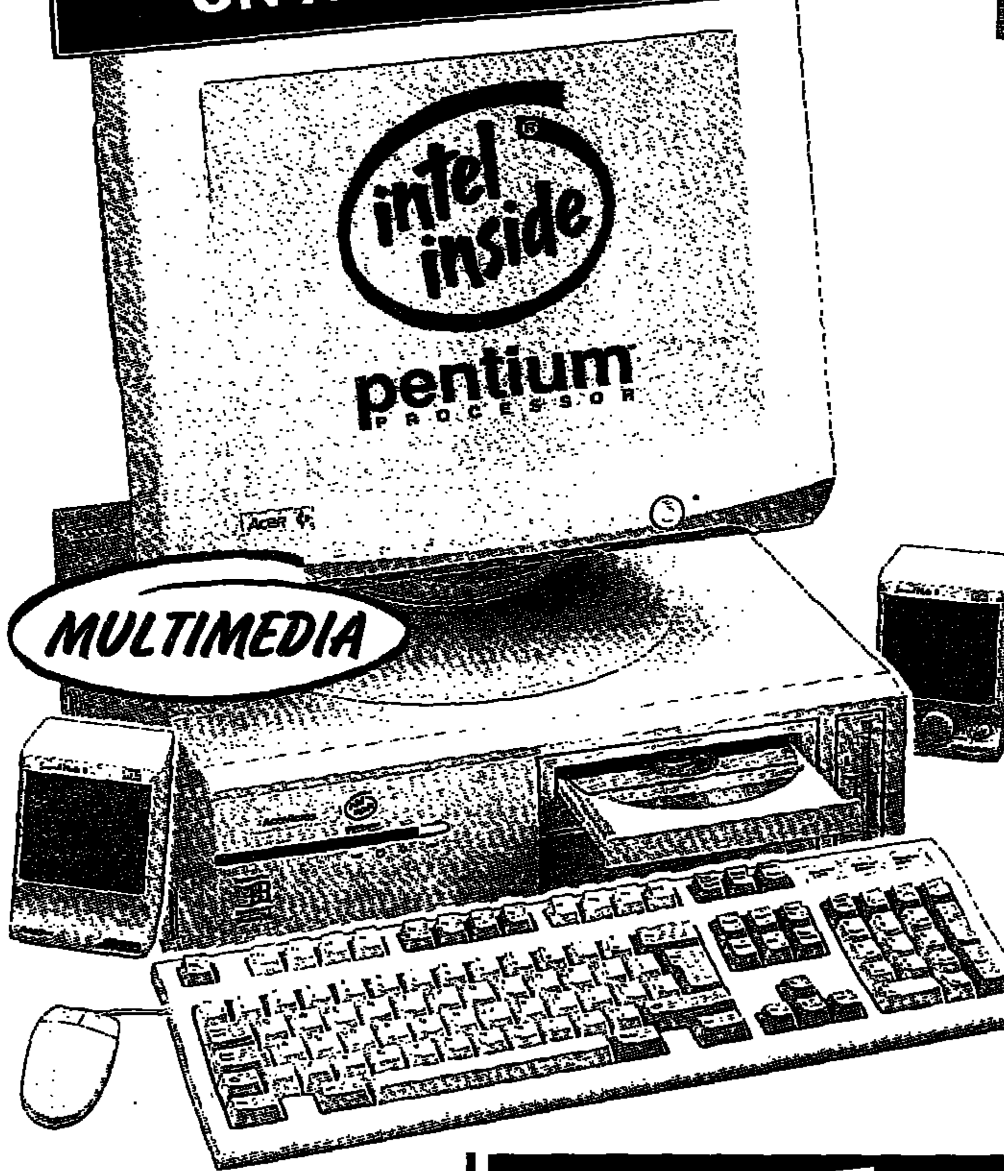

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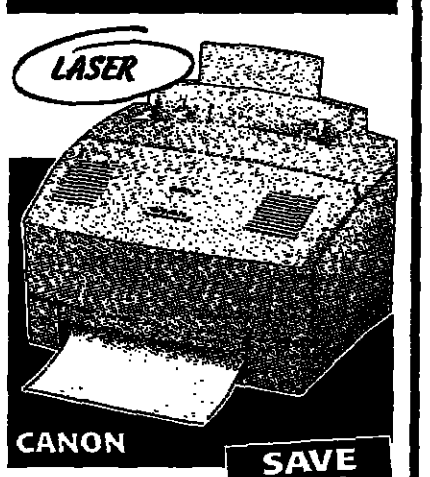

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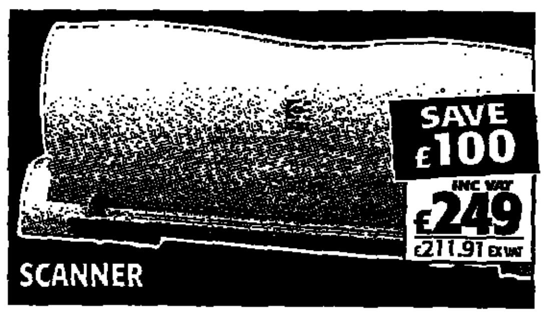

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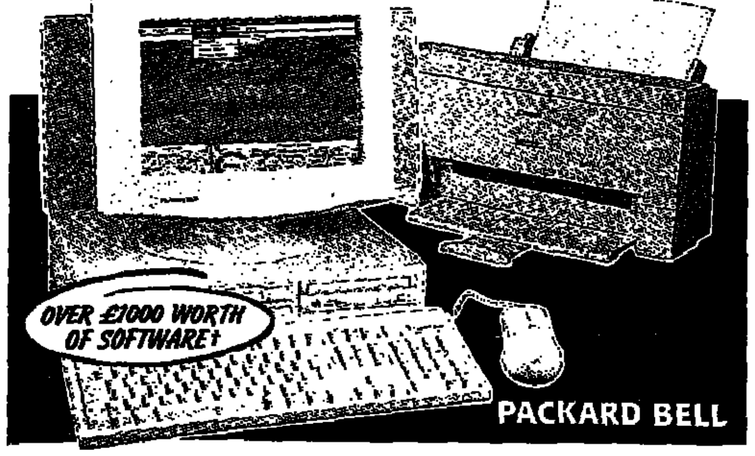

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### Tree rings in wooden panel may settle long-running argument over origin of painting

# Artists raise fresh doubts on gallery's Rubens masterpiece

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

ARTISTS challenging the attribution of Rubens's *Samson and Delilah* in the National Gallery believe that evidence presented in an auction house's catalogue was mistaken. The artists also allege that the gallery refuses to acknowledge historical facts that cast doubt on the picture being by the 17th-century master.

The National Gallery acquired the painting from Christie's in 1980 for £2.5 million, equivalent to £6 million today.

The auction catalogue referred to a 1653 inventory which described the painting as "Eenen Sampson van Rubens", which would mean "by Mr Rubens". But a Flemish genealogist who has studied the inventory said that it read "Eenen Sampson naer Rubens": "naer" is translated as "made just like Rubens" or "after Mr Rubens". Another inventory, dated 1692, lists it as "copye" — a copy.

Euphrosyne Doxiadis, an artist and scholar, and the painters Steven Harvey and Sian Hopkinson believe that the genealogist's finding backs the stylistic evidence against the picture being by Rubens. They say that it is a copy by one of the many assistants in his workshop.

It was only as recently as 1929 that the painting was hailed as a long-lost Rubens. For 180 years it was in the collection of the Princes of Liechtenstein and inventories in 1767, 1780 and 1873 attributed it to a minor hand, Jan Van Den Hoecke. The artists say that fact was omitted by the gallery in its exhibition of the picture.

Rubens is known to have painted a *Samson and Delilah* between 1608 and 1609 for Nicolaas Rockox, a close friend. A 1640 Rockox inventory lists the original picture by Rubens, but the artists are convinced that the National Gallery's version is a copy.

They say that the composition is awkward, primarily in the way that Samson's right foot has been sliced off, and say that a master inspired by Michelangelo in his appreciation of the human body would not distort proportions so clumsily.

The gallery had resisted the artists' calls for checks on the picture for four years. But on Monday dating tests were undertaken by Peter Klein, a dendrochronologist from the University of Hamburg, in response to an article about the controversy in *The Times* in June. The tree-rings of the wood panel on which the scene is painted could establish it as later than its perceived date of 1609. The test results will be released within a fortnight.

Michael Daley, director of Artwatch UK, said the gallery argued that scholars maintained the picture was by Rubens. However, he pointed out that in the 1930s scholars had believed that fake Vermeers by Van Meegeren were by the Dutch master.

The National Gallery declined to comment. Christie's said it was unable to contact the relevant specialist to discuss the matter.

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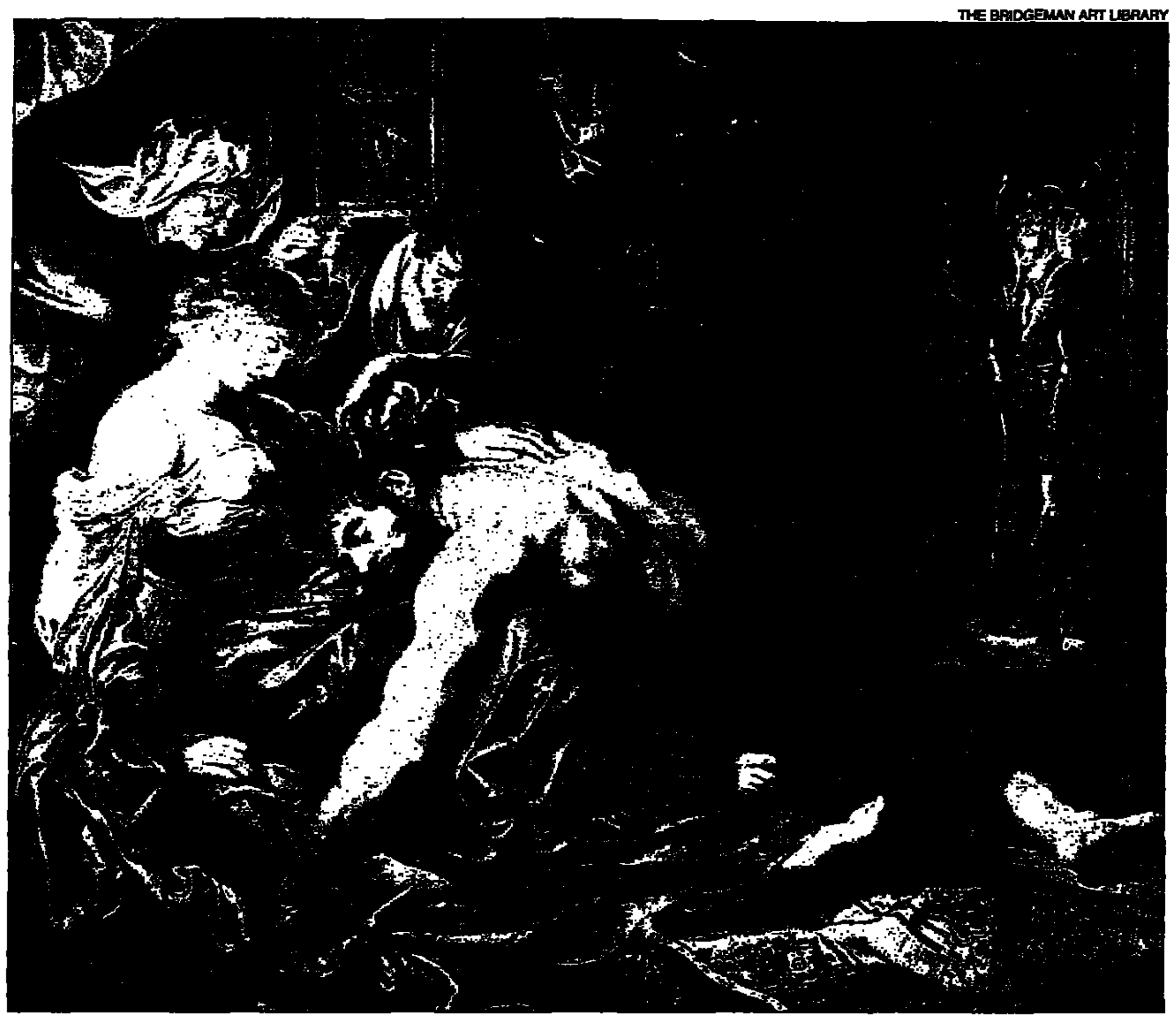

*Samson and Delilah*, which was attributed to Rubens as late as 1929. It is said to have been painted in 1609

# Insects warm to the lotus position

By Nick Nuttall

AN EXOTIC flower that regulates its temperature to keep warm to attract insects is being heralded as proof that plants are more like animals than previously thought.

The sacred lotus can regulate its temperature in the same way as mammals, scientists have found. They believe it rewards insects by giving them a warm place to visit on cool days. It also increases scent production, and "turbo charges" the insects' wings, making them warm enough to fly off and pollinate other sacred lotus plants.

Dr Sandy Knapp, a botanist at the Natural History Museum in London, said that most people viewed plants as passive and at the mercy of animals and the environment. "The truth is that plants actively do things to regulate their environment and influence their lives. But we do not see it because it happens in a way we do not recognise."

Scientists at Adelaide University report in *Nature* that the lotus, *Nelumbo nucifera*, regulates its temperature between 30C and 35C by stepping up or slowing down chemical reactions involving the burning of sugars,even when air temperature is as low as 10C.

# Food professor to tackle salmonella

By David Charter, education correspondent

THE first Marks & Spencer food professor hopes to use his £1.5 million Cambridge post to rid animal products of salmonella. Duncan Maskell, a microbiologist at Imperial College, London, will return to his alma mater in November to take up the chair sponsored by the store.

Dr Maskell, 35, said: "We will work on bacteria and other diseases that affect farm animals, but it won't include BSE, which is not a bacterium. We are trying to understand how salmonella causes diseases and we are hoping to identify targets for new vaccines or antibiotics."

He added: "If a vaccine could be found to prevent chickens getting salmonella, the eggs would not contain salmonella. But that is a long-term aim."

The Marks & Spencer Professorship of Farm Animal Health, Food Science and Food Safety was created at Cambridge's veterinary school with a donation from the store group and ten of its food suppliers.

Dr Maskell praised Marks & Spencer for endowing the professorship rather than using its money to fund specific projects. He was appointed by the university and will work independently, pursuing his own research.

# New flats and terraced houses lead recovery in property sales

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

NEW flats and terraced houses are proving the best performers in the recovering property market; the average price of a new flat having risen by 17.7 per cent to £75,737 in the past year.

The overall price rise in England and Wales of all residential property was 3.4 per cent, according to the Land Registry. In London the overall rise for all property was 5.5 per cent.

The price of new terraced houses is up by 13.6 per cent from £57,398 a year ago to £65,184 now. The figures are viewed as authoritative as, by law, all sales are registered with the Land Registry. Other figures from the building societies are based on sales supported by mortgages.

Richard Donnell, research analyst at Savills estate agents, said: "These newly-built flats and terraced houses tend to be in London and the South East, where there has been most development activity in the pst 18 months. Prices are rising in the South East on the back of a buoyant south eastern economy and demand from those first-time buyers who have put off buying during the recession."

Older detached properties have risen in price by 1.1 per cent; older semi-detached houses by 2 per cent and older terraced property by 1.5 per cent. The average price of an older detached house is now £105,342; that of a semi-detached older house is £61,652; and that of an older terraced house is £51,639.

The figures give London prices by borough for the first time. The most expensive London houses are to be found in Kensington and Chelsea, where the average price of a detached property is £625,833; followed by Westminster where such a house costs £434,500. The price of terraced houses has risen the most in Hammersmith and Fulham, followed by Camden and Islington.

# Opponent of women priests is elevated

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion correspondent

ONE of the leading opponents of women priests was consecrated a bishop in the Church of England yesterday.

The Right Rev John Broadhurst, who last week called for the Pope to be given primacy over the monarch and the Archbishop of Canterbury, was one of three bishops consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey.

As Bishop Broadhurst was made Bishop of Fulham, having sworn an oath of allegiance to the Queen, demonstrators from the Church's homosexual lobby, Action for Gay and Lesbian Ordination, protested on the steps outside. They called for the Church to relax its policy that homosexual clergy should be celibate.

During the service, the Rev Paul Williamson, who has steadfastly pursued a case against women priests through the courts, shouted a lone "no" when the congregation was asked if it was its will that the three men be ordained. Dr John Sentamu, was made bishop of Stepney and the Right Rev Michael Colclough, formerly chaplain to the Bishop of London, was made Bishop of Kensington.

In his sermon the Rev Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, said: "As a bishop, one is constantly under siege from what is pressing in a way that threatens to obscure the significant." He described the present era as one dominated by polemics, and said that one of the issues facing clergy today was "that of the identity of the Church of England". Bishop Chartres described a "great danger" that the Church would be "written off as a body with insufficient spiritual substance".

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# Lib Dems forced to admit error on health spending

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

BRIGHTON 1996

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT proposals to pump billions of pounds into the health service were thrown into confusion yesterday after the Government condemned a funding scheme for 10,000 extra nurses as a "smoke and mirrors trick".

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, announced that £350 million would be raised for new nursing staff or doctors by closing a tax loophole on bonus payments made by large companies. He said that the money could be raised by forcing employers to pay 10 per cent national insurance on "benefit in kind" bonuses to company executives.

Mr Hughes claimed that his party would close the loophole that allowed firms to avoid national insurance on payments made on such items as gold bars, life policies and other valuables.

Treasury officials leapt on the claim, saying that the Government had closed the loophole on gold bars and other goods, and one minister accused the party of "confusion" over its health plans.

Senior Liberal Democrats were forced to admit that the gold bar loophole had been closed, but insisted that companies were using other goods, such as shares, fine wines and antiques, to avoid national insurance payments.

John Horam, the junior Health Minister, accused the party of using "a smoke and mirrors trick" in claiming to create more money for the health service. "The figures the Liberal Democrats have conjured up today don't even match the latest efficiency savings alone."

The dispute and confusion threatened to torpedo the party's hopes of making health a key general election campaign issue on which it could force the Government and Labour onto the defensive. The pledge to appoint more nurses and doctors, and to reduce waiting lists to six months within three years, was planned to be the highlight of a set of proposals aimed at underlining the party's commitment to health.

Mr Hughes said that money raised from bonus payments would be channelled directly into a health fund, rather than Treasury coffers, to emphasise the party's commitment to earmark funds for particular services. He rejected Tory claims that he had guessed at a figure for the amount raised by tightening the rules on bonuses. "It is an estimate, not a guess. It is an estimate on advice, just as the Chancellor is given an estimate every year by his advisers."

Already the party has committed itself to adding an extra 5p on each packet of cigarettes to pay for the reintroduction of free eye and dental tests and to freeze prescription charges. However, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, believes that the party has failed to put across a strong message on health and he committed himself this week to making the NHS a central campaign issue, alongside plans to spend an extra £2 billion on education.

Mr Hughes underlined the commitment by promising to restore the party's previous pledge — abandoned at the last election — to increase health spending in line with health service inflation, which traditionally runs at a higher rate than general inflation.

Such a commitment, for the five years of a Parliament, would currently mean spending an extra five per cent on the health budget of £42.6 billion, forcing the party to find some £2.2 billion a year.

However, Mr Hughes refused to set out detailed costings, insisting that there would be no precise figures until the party set out it spending propsals after the November Budget. But senior party figures admit that other spending commitments would have to be scaled down if such pledges on the health service were to be met.

The actor John Cleese mobbed by pressmen at the launch of the poster campaign in Brighton yesterday

# Cleese steps in for comic effect

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

THE comedian John Cleese has been drafted in to help the Liberal Democrats orchestrate their election campaign after their advertising agency collapsed.

The party was thrown into turmoil when it discovered that Knight Leach Delaney had gone into voluntary liquidation this week. But Mr Cleese, pioneer of the silly walks and a long-standing Liberal supporter, has promised to plug the gap. He will provide jokes for Paddy Ashdown and teach him how to walk in a statesmanlike way. He will also give advice on political broadcasts.

The party is deeply concerned that it will be unable to keep up with the controversial roadside posters of its rivals. Their campaign chest is only £5 million compared to the combined spending power of £30 million for Labour and the Tories.

Yesterday Mr Cleese launched the party's first poster, which shows two children and reads: "For The Future: The Courage To Invest In Education." He admitted that it wasn't funny but said it was punchy and proved that the Liberal Democrats would run a clean, positive campaign. So far they only have one poster, which they will tour on a van around coastal resorts. The Tories have 500 poster sites.

Mr Cleese could not remember a single joke from Mr Ashdown's conference speech but said it was extremely difficult to make politics funny. "An awful lot of politics is so boring. We need to get the message across in an entertaining way," he said.

Alan Price, who was lead singer with the 1960s pop group The Animals, has also promised to help the party. He is in charge of music for the party political broadcasts and orchestrated the theme tune for Mr Ashdown's dramatic entrance on the stage this week.

He gave a concert last night in Brighton and is planning a series around the country. "I have always voted Liberal and am happy to help out," he said.

# Schools policy scrapes through

By Arthur Leathley

PARTY activists almost inflicted an embarrassing defeat on the Liberal Democrat leadership on one of its key policies yesterday.

Hundreds of rank-and-file members rebelled against plans to allow grammar schools to expand and voiced fierce opposition to selective education. After a heated debate, the leadership won by nine votes on a motion giving local education authorities the right to expand grammar school provision in their areas.

The heavy opposition surprised Don Foster, the party's education spokesman, who pressed activists to back a new education policy document that will form the central plank of the party's general election campaign.

Mr Foster urged support for proposals that would give authorities greater flexibility to meet the needs of pupils. He said: "Liberal Democrats oppose selection. We want a system in which each school can provide a range of provision to suit the needs and aspirations of each child, to ensure every single child in the land can meet his or her potential." He won by 308 votes to 299.

Representatives then overwhelmingly backed a motion leaving it up to each community, through its education authority, to assess the impact of grammar schools in its area and act accordingly. This endorsed the party's policy of opposing Tory plans for more grammar schools, but leaving education authorities to decide the future those in existence.

# Carlile to play major campaign role

By Arthur Leathley

ALEX CARLILE, the senior Liberal Democrat who angered activists this week by suggesting a merger with Labour, is to be given a key role in the party's general election campaign.

Paddy Ashdown has decided to make his home affairs spokesman a central figure in the campaign despite fears from some activists that he could send the wrong signals to voters wary of a Labour government. Mr Carlile, who will not stand at the general election, will campaign across the country while many of the party's senior MPs fight to retain their own seats.

Comments by Mr Carlile, in which he said that Labour and Liberal Democrats would eventually merge, threatened to overshadow the start of the party's annual conference in Brighton this week. Rank-and-file members voiced their fury again yesterday, warning the leadership that disaffected Tory voters would be put off backing the Liberal Democrats if the party worked closely with Labour.

However, Mr Ashdown has made clear to close colleagues that he believes that Mr Carlile's "fearless" campaigning style is a weapon the party cannot afford to waste. He describes Mr Carlile as a "one-man commando unit" who will expose flaws in opponents' campaign strategies.

Mr Carlile's impassioned speech on crime to this week's conference reaffirmed Mr Ashdown's view. "Paddy thinks Alex is brilliantly articulate and delivers powerful speeches, which are essential in an election campaign," a senior colleague said.

Although Mr Ashdown and senior figures moved quickly to play down the merger suggestion as simply a "personal view", Mr Carlile remained unrepentant and is expected to return to the subject again before general election.

# Home rule warning

THE Liberal Democrats will try to block Labour's devolution plans if a Scottish assembly was set up without tax-raising powers, Paddy Ashdown said yesterday.

Labour's planned referendum on tax would reduce the assemby to a talking shop. "I don't want Scotland to have a talking shop. I am ready to vote against something which gives Scotland less than it deserves."

# EU fish policy condemned

By Alice Thomson

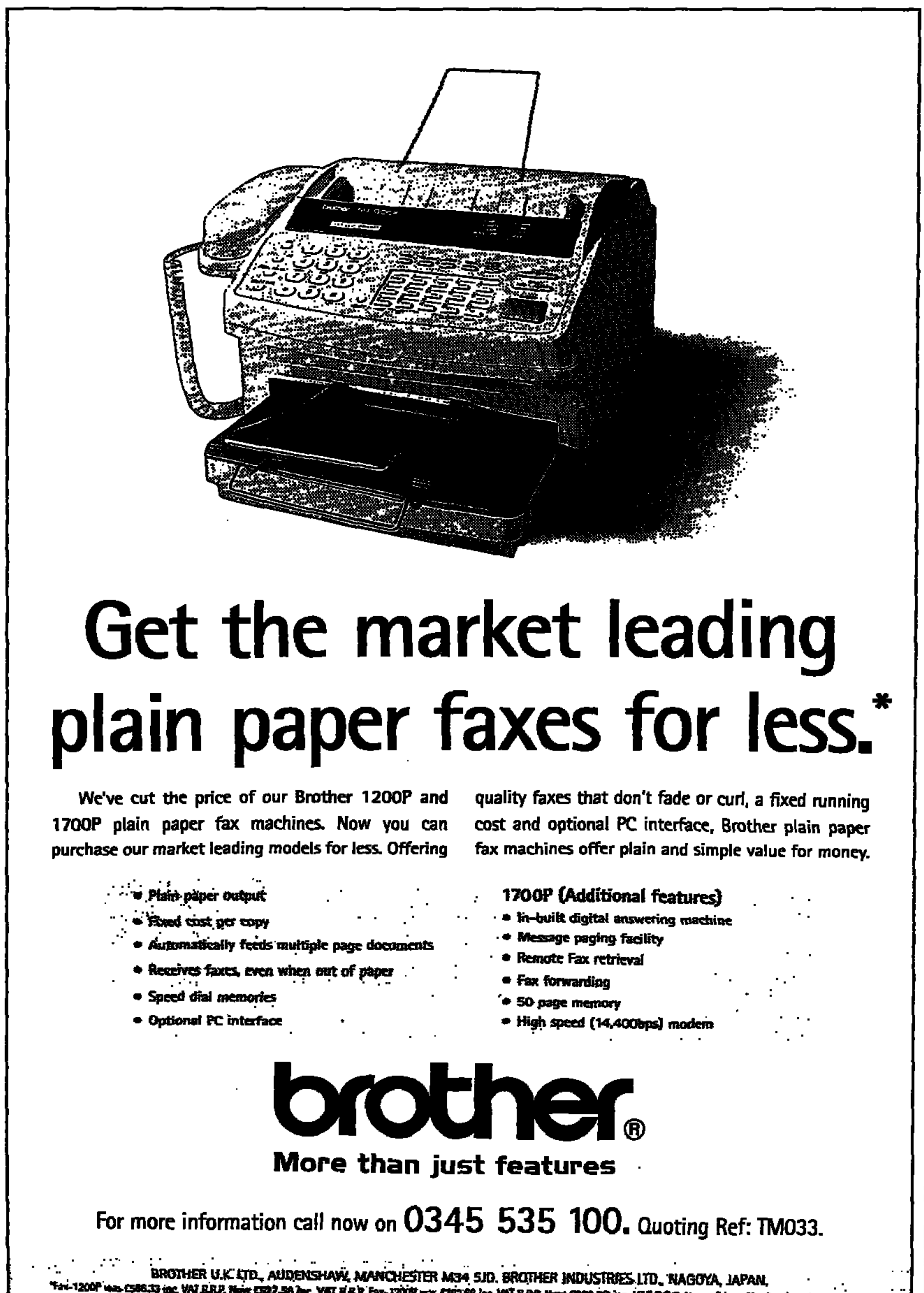
THE Liberal Democrats softened their pro-European stance yesterday with radical proposals to scrap the common fisheries policy. They are the first British party to call for a new fishing treaty to reduce the power of Brussels and give control back to the industry.

Paddy Ashdown made it clear that although the Liberal Democrats are the only pro-European party left in Britain, they are not the poodles of Brussels. The new proposals are laid out in a document by the MEP Robin Teverson, and the MP Jim Wallace.

Mr Teverson said: "Everyone agrees that the common fisheries policy isn't working. Our policy would bring together fishermen and scientists in each area and task them with the job of managing their area."

Mr Wallace said: "At the moment fishermen have no real incentive to control the amount of fish they catch. Quite the opposite. But by giving the fishermen responsibility for their own area we give them a reason to manage stocks responsibly."

The policy is designed to appeal to the party's West Country stronghold. Andrew George, a Liberal Democrat from Cornwall, said: "Only fishermen from local ports would be able to operate in each fishery — unless they choose to let others in — so local skippers would no longer be deprived of their living."



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# Hurd warns Major against 'foolish' rejection of EMU

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

Hurd: criticised Euro-sceptic absurdities

DOUGLAS HURD fuelled the controversy over Europe in the Tory Party yesterday by warning John Major that it would be foolish to rule out membership of a single currency.

In the former Foreign Secretary's most important speech on domestic politics since he left the Cabinet last year, he also warned the Government against trying to ensure a general election victory by cutting taxes at the expense of public services.

Mr Hurd, who was addressing the first conference of the Conservative Mainstream group, urged One Nation Tories to stand up to the Euro-sceptics and to voice support for the Cabinet's stance on the single currency. He was scathing about the quality of debate on Europe. "Not many people believe that Helmut Kohl [the German chancellor] is aiming at the German supremacy which eluded Hitler. These and other absurdities are paraded by the enemies of the EU, but commonsense is on our side when we expose them."

The Cabinet was right to keep open the option on a single currency. "It would be clearly foolish now to say that we would not join. No one can tell where the interests of Britain will lie as regards a single currency in five or six years' time." Mr Hurd privately believes that British entry into monetary union is possible in the lifetime of the next Parliament but suspects that the timescale would slip beyond the proposed start date of January 1, 1999.

He and his supporters fear that the Government's approach to income tax in the run-up to the election would have a more critical impact on the Tories' electoral fortunes than the controversy over Europe. "It would be a great foolishness for Conservatives in this country to promise that we could cut taxes without cutting public spending," he said.

He hoped that Kenneth Clarke would have some leeway for reductions in the Budget. "But I do not believe that elections, whether in Oxfordshire or elsewhere, can be won by reducing income tax against a background of sacked teachers or closed hospital wards." Taxes should be reduced steadily and to promise anything else would be "incredible and wrong".

In an an appeal for an emphasis on "caring Conservatism" Mr Hurd said that the Tories would deserve to lose the election if they embarked on policies, or uttered phrases, which seemed designed to set one part of the nation against another. "We must not, even in our inner-thinking, despair of part of our population as fit only for poverty — or prison."

Tories had a right to expect a blend of imagination and common sense from their leaders, who were entitled to loyalty in return. "The Prime Minister and his colleagues have been true to these principles. It is not enough to give them silent support at a time when the river is deep and turbulent and when we stand on the edge of an election. We need to be active in expressing our own views as to how our party can succeed at the election."

David Howell, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, said that the voice of mainstream Toryism had been drowned out by the Euro-sceptics. "The debate has been entirely hijacked by the vociferous wings of the Party."

Intimate monetary co-operation was essential and Britain would have to be part of some form of European system. "To rage on about threats to sovereignty in modern global financial conditions is to live in a world of make believe."

But Mr Howell added: "It is also obvious that the British do not want or need to go beyond this close co-operation and actually abandon their currency." The British deserved a mainstream voice. "Those who deny them that, by taking up a simplified and extreme positions, are letting them down badly."

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CHRIS HARRIS

Mainstream Tories, from left, former ministers David Hunt and Tim Yeo, and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, vice-chairman of the Macleod Group

# Tory Left fights back against Euro-sceptics

By Andrew Pierce

THE Conservative Mainstream group was set up to raise the banner of One Nation Tories against the relentless rise of the Euro-sceptic wing of the party. Its public debut yesterday was the latest stage in the public fightback by the Tory Left, which began with the letter to *The Indpendent* from six Tory elder statesmen last week.

The centre-left group, dubbed Conservative Backwater by its opponents, professes loyalty to the Prime Minister and is urging MPs to rally behind the Cabinet line on Europe. But its leaders are privately critical at the failure of the high command to take a tougher line against the Euro-sceptics. The group was born of a deep frustration that Kenneth Clarke was the only Cabinet minister who dared to express the views of the Tory Left.

Conservative Mainstream may be publicly loyal to Mr Major but the timing of its conference yesterday could not have been worse. It inevitably created the suspicion that they were setting out an alternative manifesto for the party conference, based on closer European integration and higher welfare spending.

Four of the six Tory elder statesmen, who last week warned John Major to stand firm against the Tory Right, are supporting the initiative. Douglas Hurd is the public face. Sir Edward Heath, Lord Howe of Aberavon, and Lord Whitelaw are also involved to try to stop the party falling into the hands of the Euro-sceptic Right. Kenneth Clarke is an enthusiastic supporter behind the scenes.

David Hunt, who until yesterday was the former Cabinet minister most closely associated with the group, had talked of attracting the support in Parliament of up to 300 MPs. It was an exaggeration. About 20 turned up for the launch at St Stephen's Constitutional Club in Westminster.

They included Peter Butler, the Chancellor's parliamentary private secretary, Tim Renton, Baroness Thatcher's last Chief Whip, Tim Yeo, a former minister, Sir Jim Lester, a close ally of the Chancellor, and Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister.

Mainstream is an umbrella organisation for three left-of-centre groupings of Tory MPs: Macleod, Tory Reform and the Progress Group. The 30-strong Macleod Group is led by Peter Temple-Morris, the main organiser of the pro-European backbench Tory Left. Mr Temple-Morris will dragoon the foot soldiers of Tory federalism with the same fervour he displayed when he helped to run Michael Heseltine's 1990 leadership campaign. Leading members of the Tory Reform Group, led by David Hunt, include Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and Stephen Dorrell.

Mainstream is writing a framework policy document, which will be issued before the Tory manifesto to counterbalance the influence of the right-wing think-tanks that held great sway in the Thatcher era.

# SNP attacked over 'racist' leaflets

THE Scottish National Party's latest attempt to cash in on the popularity of the so-called "kilt movies" was reported to the Commission for Racial Equality yesterday (Shirly English writes).

Maria Fyffe, Labour MP for Maryhill, complained about a "racist, anti-English" leaflet distributed at the Oasis concert at Loch Lomond last month. The leaflet, produced by the party's youth wing, quoted a character from the Irvine Welsh novel and film *Trainspotting*: "Some people hate the English ... but I don't. They're just wankers. We, on the other hand, are colonised by wankers."

Yesterday the commission said that the leaflet did not breach race relations laws. But Ms Fyffe said: "I want to know if this is how they are inviting Scots to think about the English."

The SNP, which began its annual conference in Inverness yesterday, said that the leaflet was clearly anti-racist and Labour's complaint was a "sign of desperation".

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# Loonies promise shorter winter

JANUARY and February would be abolished to make winter shorter if the Monster Raving Loony Party won the next election, Screaming Lord Sutch said yesterday.

The veteran party leader, wearing his customary tiger-striped lurex suit and leopard-skin top hat, held a news conference on Westminster Bridge to unveil the Loony election manifesto, with its rallying message: "Vote for insanity — you know it makes sense." Bellowing above the noise of traffic and flanked by a yellow-clad Banana Man and a John Major look-alike, Lord Sutch, 53, who been campaigning for 33 years, promised to give £1 million to everyone who voted for him. This would be funded by making Britain a tax haven. "We will be knee-deep in money," he explained.

Scots who want their own parliament would be lent the London-based one, which would be put on wheels.

Other manifesto proposals include decimalising time to make life simpler "especially when you're hungover, late for work, and trying to figure out a 24-hour timetable". There would be ten days to a week, ten hours to the day, 100 minutes to the hour and 100 seconds to the minute.

Observers believe that the Loony proposal to ban work before lunchtime "because it's far too difficult" could be a vote-winner.

# Blair appeals to NEC for unity at conference

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR yesterday appealed for unity at Labour's annual conference next week amid fears that the leadership faces possible defeat over a number of issues such as pensions, child benefit and employment rights.

The Labour leader told a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) that the main message he wanted to get over to the public was "a strong sense of unity".

Mr Blair gave warning that a string of humiliating defeats would send the wrong signal to the electorate, portraying Labour as divided. But the party has already taken contingency measures. The NEC has now drawn up a statement on child benefit which would take preference over a conference motion.

"By the end of the week we want people to know exactly what our core message is and what our major pledges are. We want people to know why it is in their interests to vote Labour," a source said.

Some members of the NEC were said to have been particularly angry about Gordon Brown's proposals to scrap child benefit for 16-18 year-olds and channel the money into educational allowances for poorer families. However, the NEC statement on child benefit was passed overwhelmingly with only Dennis Skinner, the leftwing MP for Bolsover, voting against. There is also a real fear that the leadership may be defeated on pensions, after a populist appeal by Barbara Castle to raise them in line with earnings.

Yesterday the NEC finalised the agenda for the conference, which will be dominated by Tony Blair's speech on Tuesday and potentially damaging debates on the economy, employment and welfare on Monday and Wednesday.

On Thursday the conference, where the vote is now evenly split between delegates and unions, will vote on Labour's draft manifesto. Although elements of the manifesto will be criticised during the week, the draft programme is expected to be backed ovewhelmingly.

The document will then go out to a ballot of the party's 400,000 members next month.

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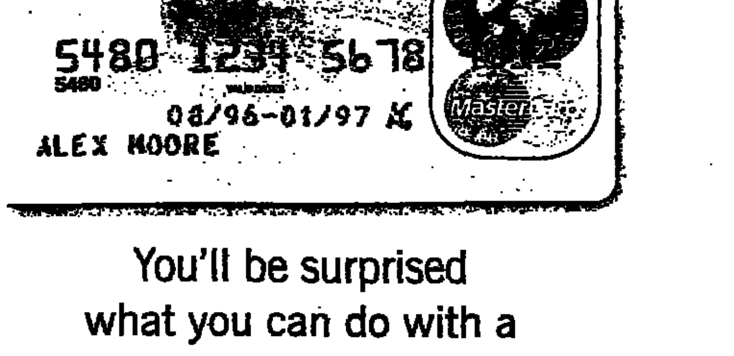

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# Boston bluebloods duel in battle to control Senate

**From Tom Rhodes in Boston**

IN A small Boston hall and surrounded by teenagers, the two political titans of Massachusetts resembled a pair of Gullivers addressing the parliament in Lilliput.

Each measuring 6ft 4in, William Weld, the state's Republican Governor, and John Kerry, the Democratic senator, offered a startling contrast in style to 400 high school pupils handpicked for the latest duel in what is becoming the hottest Senate race in America.

The similarity does not end there. The two multimillionaires represent the cream of their generation, both are highly articulate, Ivy League-educated, and belong to the patrician families who can trace their ancestry back to the Founding Fathers. They sail and fish at their private resorts and consort with the richest in America.

Their wives — Susan Weld, a Roosevelt relation, and Teresa Heinz, heiress to the $750 million (£483 million) ketchup fortune — are well connected and adept at campaigning for their husbands. Observers believe that whoever wins in November could surface as a presidential candidate at the turn of the century.

At a national level, this election is critical for both parties. Massachusetts is a bedrock liberal state where voters identify themselves as Democrat by three to one, and where President Clinton leads by more than 20 per cent.

If the Democrats have any hope of regaining control of the Senate, they cannot afford to lose this race. Republicans, on the other hand, see a victory in Massachusetts as an embarrassment for President Clinton and the first sign of a trend of new conservatism that could see the party back at the White House in 2000 if Bob Dole loses in November.

Opinion polls show the race to be a statistical dead heat. But it was here, on the stump, that the differences became apparent. Mr Kerry, 52, the decorated Vietnam veteran and former disciple of President Kennedy, appeared stiff and awkward as he talked of political and personal sacrifice, of education, the environment and housing.

Mr Weld, 51, on the other hand, connected immediately with an audience that was far from his natural constituency. Unlike Mr Kerry's unfocused and plodding message, the Governor stuck to the combination of fiscal conservatism and social libertarianism that has made him popular in the past six years.

He talked of balancing the budget during his first year in office, of cutting taxes, reducing the growth rate of Medicaid, introducing the most stringent welfare legislation in the nation and eliminating thousands of state jobs. But he also talked of being pro-choice on abortion and of his concerns about teenage pregnancy.

Conventional wisdom suggests the Governor may be too popular for his own good and people will vote for Mr Kerry to keep both men in office. A third, arch-conservative candidate, Susan Gallagher, may siphon some votes from Mr Weld.

But a recent poll showed that most people in the state want to change their senator and there is still a suspicion about his wife's fortune. The Clinton campaign is concerned. George Stephanopoulos, the President's senior political adviser, and Robert Reich, the Labour Secretary, toured Boston last weekend on behalf of Mr Kerry.

This weekend Mr Clinton will join Whoopi Goldberg and Christopher Reeve, the film stars, to campaign in a state where, under normal circumstances, he would never need to show his face.

"It is a difficult race, because it's not only being run on the success or failure of Newt Gingrich and Robert Dole, it's a major test of the President's strength," Mr Stephanopoulos said.

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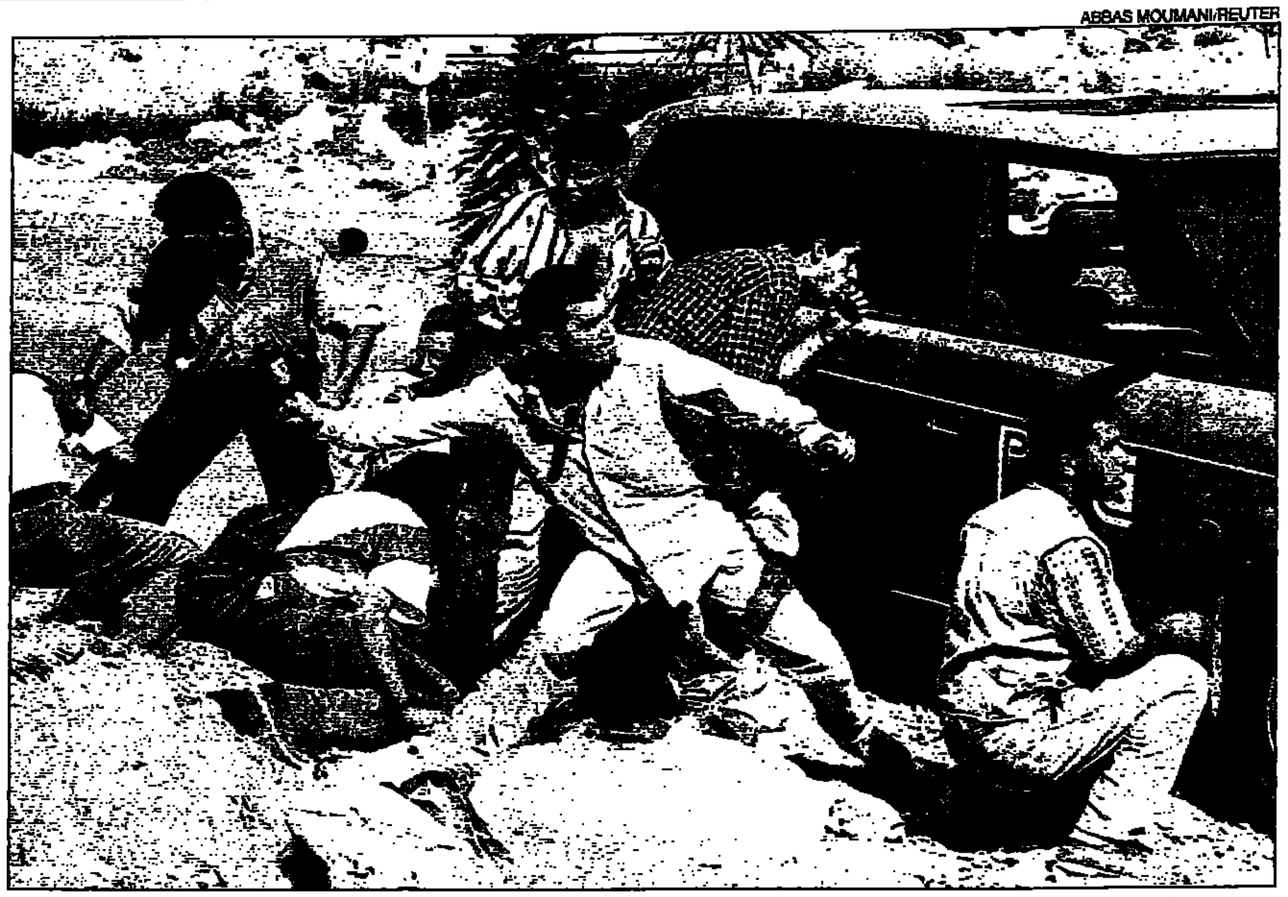

A group of Palestinians attacking Israeli troops from the shelter of a van in the West Bank yesterday

# Netanyahu asks Cairo to calm tensions

**By Michael Binyon**
**Diplomatic Editor**

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the Israeli Prime Minister, is to appeal to President Mubarak of Egypt to calm the tensions in the Middle East that have been provoked by riots and shootings in the wake of the opening of a tunnel in Jerusalem.

Complaining of "wild and unfounded accusations", the Prime Minister added during a visit to France that he might also speak to Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, if necessary.

Before arriving in Paris yesterday, he told the BBC *Today* programme that his Government would help with the infrastructure of settlements for an additional 800 Jews in the occupied territories, but said he was not "carting the people in". He was committed to the Oslo agreements, which allowed for the natural growth of Arab and Jewish communities.

Mr Netanyahu's remarks came after a Downing Street meeting at which John Major expressed Britain's concern that the Middle East peace process was in danger. Both men later described their talks as "frank and candid", which is diplomatic code for plain speaking and disagreement.

Britain has been concerned by the tone of Mr Netanyahu's remarks on relations with the Arabs, and is worried by the lack of practical progress on the ground.

The violence in Jerusalem came as Mr Netanyahu arrived in Paris on the second leg of his European tour. In Paris, as in Bonn, there are similar worries over growing tensions in the Middle East. He told the BBC he had inherited a peace agreement that he did not like, but he was going to pursue peace and the accords signed by his predecessor. "I have not alienated anyone," he said. "I am sorry about the high-flown rhetoric in some quarters in Egypt."

# Clinton is accused of 'silencing' McDougal

**From Ian Brodie**
**in Washington**

INDIGNATION was growing in Washington yesterday over President Clinton's failure to rule out pardons for Whitewater defendants and the refusal of one of them, Susan McDougal, to testify whether he told the truth about a fraudulent loan.

Mrs McDougal, 41, who is serving an indeterminate sentence for contempt of court in Arkansas, has, with the help of prison guards, become a cell-block media queen, conducting interviews from Faulkner County Jail.

Her lament, and Mr Clinton's non-committal answer when asked about post-election Whitewater pardons, has been pounced on by Republicans who see an issue voters will understand, and condemn.

John Mica, a Republican congressman, accused the President of offering Mrs McDougal an inducement to remain silent. She was a partner with the Clintons and her former husband in the Whitewater land speculation.

Robert Walker, another Republican in Congress who frequently berates Mr Clinton, said the spectacle has offered hope of a pardon to all those who decline to co-operate with Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor.

Mrs McDougal refused to answer Mr Starr's questions before a grand jury over whether Mr Clinton lied during videotaped evidence at her trial that he did not know a government-backed loan she received for $300,000 (£193,000) was fraudulent.

She has said she knows nothing to substantiate allegations of criminal wrongdoing by Mr or Mrs Clinton and refuses to help Mr Starr in his apparent pursuit of perjury charges against the couple. Mr Clinton has also taken aim at Mr Starr, a Republican, accusing him of pressuring Mrs McDougal to give damaging testimony against the Clintons, even if false.

Conjecture that Mrs McDougal was attempting to pressure the President while he was signalling to her to keep quiet was taking hold yesterday as US radio chat show fodder, propelling White House aides into urgent damage control. They insisted Mr Clinton was "absolutely not" holding the door open to pardons and had given the idea no consideration.

It would be an unprecedented advancement of the power to pardon for a President to exonerate anyone involved in an investigation in which he was already implicated. Joseph di Genova, former federal prosecutor in Washington, said it would be a ground for impeachment.

# World Bank fails the 'green' test

**By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent**

PROJECTS that damage the environment, including mining, forestry and power-generation schemes, are still being funded by the World Bank seven years after it agreed to reform its lending policies in the light of green concerns.

A damning internal report, written by bank staff and based on studies in eight countries, has concluded that attempts to balance the economic needs of developing countries with the needs of plant and animal life are often failing. It indicates that highly damaging schemes such as the Polonsreste rural development project, which in the 1980s devastated swaths of western Amazonia triggering violent clashes, are still happening — albeit on a smaller scale.

The report says that assessments of the environmental impact of bank-funded schemes are often made too late to have any real influence on the development of the project. In the meantime, serious alternatives to schemes are scrutinised only cosmetically. Even when a proper environmental investigation is carried out, the recommendations are often not put into action.

The document, details of which are disclosed as the World Bank meets in Washington for its fourth summit on environmentally acceptable development, adds: "Projects reviewed by the study often generated massive documents that are of little use".

☐ **Geneva:** A sharp increase in the costs of vaccination imposed by pharmaceutical companies is threatening immunisation programmes and the development of potential new vaccines against diseases such as Aids, the World Health Organisation and Unicef said yesterday (Peter Capella writes).

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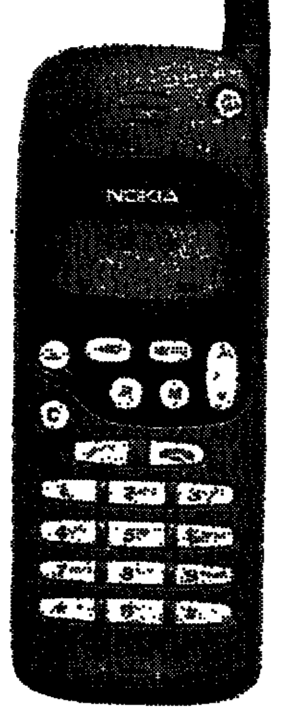

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# Student rebel forces launch triple assault to take Kabul

By Zahid Hussain

TALEBAN militia closed in on Kabul, the Afghan capital, yesterday as the fundamentalist student movement's fighters fought a fierce battle with government forces three miles from the city centre.

The group launched a three-pronged attack on Kabul after routing government forces in the strategic town of Sarobi, 45 miles from the capital, on Tuesday night.

The forces of President Rabbani were fighting last-ditch battles to defend the city as Taleban fighters attacked from the east, south and southwest. Government jets bombed Taleban forces assaulting a customs post three miles outside the city. Government sources said that there was heavy fighting around the post. The fall of the customs office would eliminate the last resistance by government troops.

The Kabul administration has repeatedly accused Pakistan of backing Taleban and providing it with arms and food. President Rabbani's Government has also alleged that Taleban's fighters are mainly students based in Pakistan and that it has received aircraft from Pakistani intelligence. A Taleban cargo plane landed at Badram airport near Kabul on Tuesday which, according to Kabul, carried seven Pakistani military personnel. The captured Pakistanis would be presented to the press, an administration spokesman said.

Pakistan has rejected Kabul's allegation. A Foreign Office spokesman in Islamabad said that no Pakistani was involved in the fighting in Afghanistan. He also denied that the Taleban fighters crossed the border from Pakistan.

The Taleban militia movement emerged as a major force in the Afghan civil war at the end of 1994. It consists of Afghan students from *madressas* (religious schools) mostly based in Pakistan. A large number of them had participated in the Afghan war against Soviet troops. Taleban came into prominence when its fighters stormed Kandahar in southern Afghanistan early last year, and from there they swept across southern and western Afghanistan.

More than half of Afghanistan was under Taleban's control by the end of 1995. Initially, Afghans who were disgruntled with the ruling warlords welcomed Taleban forces, but support began to vanish as they imposed tough discipline. They enforced strict Sharia (Islamic law) and banned women's education and music. Taleban's first attempt to capture Kabul last year failed and leading Afghan factions, including that of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, joined hands with his old foe, Mr Rabbani. Mr Hekmatyar became Prime Minister. However, after regrouping its forces, Taleban came back to eastern Afghanistan last month for their second onslaught on Kabul. Two weeks ago, they captured one of Afghanistan's second largest cities, Jalalabad.

There is clear evidence of Pakistani support for Taleban which has its main headquarters in the western Pakistani city of Quetta. Most of the fighters are under the influence of Pakistani religious and political organisations. Islamabad intensified its support for Taleban after its relations with the Rabbani Government worsened following the attack on the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul last year.

Most observers believe a Taleban victory is not likely to bring peace in Afghanistan, but may lead to yet more bloodshed. There is also a fear that the capture of Kabul by Taleban could lead to more active interference from Iran.

☐ **New York:** The United Nations Security Council has agreed to hold an emergency meeting to discuss Afghanistan after a request from Kabul. (*AP*)

ENRIQUE MARCARIAN/REUTER

Bearing the Argentine tramps' banner, Mario Alonso, left, Juan Podesta and Pedro Ribeiro follow a railway track towards Mar del Plata

# Philosopher tramps debate reasons to be idle

By Gabriella Gamini
*South America Correspondent*

HUNDREDS of tramps and bag ladies are converging on the Argentine seaside resort of Mar del Plata to take part in an international conference to discuss topics such as the "right to be lazy" and "how to get a balanced diet from restaurant scraps".

The World Conference for Vagabonds, organised by an Argentine group of tramps and travellers, started on Monday and ends on Sunday with a barn dance. It has attracted people from all over South America.

"It's taken me some time to get here," said Arturio Somosa, 48, from neighbouring Paraguay. "I set out from Asunción two months ago, walked some of the way, and managed to hitch some of the way."

Most dragged their belongings along the 250-mile motorway leading from the capital, Buenos Aires, to the beach resort, where they have taken up every spare alcove or doorway, sleeping rough despite chilly, gale-force winds at night. "We've organised this to let everyone know that we are not just simple beggars or dirty layabouts. Most are ex-professionals who decided to take up another way of life," said Pedro Riveiro, the event organiser and a former teacher.

He added that they had been discussing "tramp philosophy" and "life without frivolities" and would issue a final document to strengthen their commitment to "anti-consumerism". He said: "We've invited nutritionists to give lectures on how to get a healthy diet from scraps. By living without frivolities and recycling everything that we can get our hands on, we are also doing our bit to help the world's ailing environment."

The tramps identify with a community of travellers formed in the 1920s called the Crotos after a Buenos Aires governor, José Camilo Croto, who gave free rail passes to those left without jobs or homes by a recession so they could seek work elsewhere. Instead thousands used the incentive to start a life of "idleness".

# Pornography Net surfer fined

By Our Foreign Staff

A SINGAPORE court has fined a man for downloading obscene pictures from the Internet, the first person to be convicted since the Government said that it would censor what people can see on the global computer network.

According to *The Straits Times*, Lai Chee Chuen, 41, pleaded guilty to charges of collecting scores of pornographic pictures from the Internet and to one charge of possessing *Penthouse*, a magazine that is banned in Singapore. The newspaper said that Lai was fined S$61,500 (£28,200).

The pictures and the magazine were seized from Lai in July last year in a police raid on his home after a tip-off from Interpol. But it was not until July this year that the Government announced rules to block Singaporeans from seeing pornography and anti-government views on the Internet. By a September 15 deadline, the three local Internet providers installed software blanking out some of the known undesirable sites.

The Government has hired eight censors who regularly monitor the Net for pornographic and other politically sensitive sites that can be banned. Because laws to deal with computer pornography have not been framed, Lai was charged under the Films Act, which prohibits the possession of obscene visual images, *The Straits Times* said.

# Rwanda war crimes trials under threat

**Arusha:** Rwanda's war crimes trials are due to open today against a background of chaos prompting defence lawyers to threaten to resign and prosecution complaints that scores of witnesses have been murdered (Sam Kiley writes).

Prosecutors are anxious to resist any attempt to delay the trials because 85, mainly Tutsi, witnesses have been killed in Rwanda this year.

But Johan Scheers, one of the defence lawyers, said he would resign if his motion to postpone the proceedings was not accepted. "I have not been able to contact a single one of the 30 to 40 witnesses my client has given me. They are mostly in refugee camps in Zaire, and after two trips there the authorities said I could not work. There were also problems with security," he said.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Armenian police fire on rally

**Yerevan:** Security forces opened fire yesterday on opposition protesters in the Armenian capital, wounding an unknown number of them.

Violence broke out after an estimated 40,000 people gathered outside the building housing the Central Election Commission. It was the third demonstration in as many days by people accusing President Ter-Petrosian of winning re-election through fraud in Sunday's election. Demonstrators fought back, grabbing for the guns and clubs carried by police and soldiers. (*AP*)

### 'Heretic' wins marriage battle

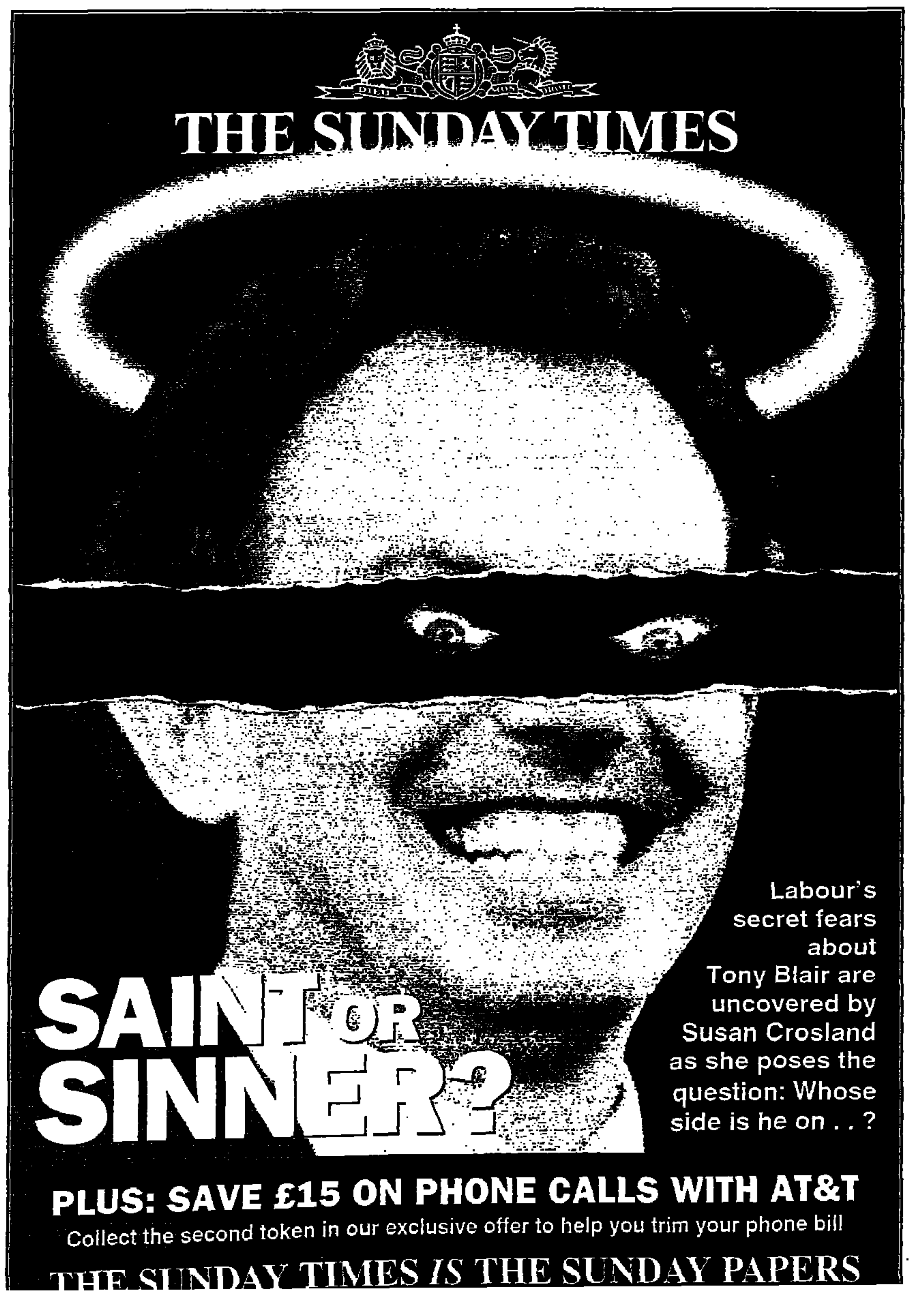
**Cairo:** An Egyptian court at Giza suspended — in effect indefinitely — an order to dissolve a university professor's marriage for heresy against Islam, a judicial source said. The Cairo appeals court made the order in June 1995, saying Nasser Abu Zeid, now in The Netherlands, was a "heretic" because of his writings. That decision was upheld last month by the Supreme Court of Appeal. (*AFP*)

### Japan heads off island protest

**Tokyo:** Japanese patrol boats have closed in on protesters from Hong Kong to prevent them landing on uninhabited islands to challenge Tokyo's sovereignty (Robert Whymant writes). Coastguards and police moved to head off a ship carrying 18 Hong Kong activists towards the islands, called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese.

### Eastwood loses court battle

Clint Eastwood, the Hollywood actor-director, has agreed in court to pay Sondra Locke, his former lover, several million pounds. The money, agreed in Burbank, California, was compensation for a film production deal that she said was meant to humiliate her.



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Labour's secret fears about Tony Blair are uncovered by Susan Crosland as she poses the question: Whose side is he on . . ?

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# Yeltsin's doctors delay surgery to reduce death risk

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN will definitely undergo heart surgery, his doctors confirmed yesterday, ending weeks of speculation on the health of the Russian leader.

However, the heart bypass operation will be postponed by six to ten weeks because of the President's poor health. That confirms what has been obvious from recent television pictures of him, that Mr Yeltsin has a series of other health problems, probably in his liver and kidneys.

In what was the first full medical verdict on the President's condition since he disappeared from public view in June, four doctors who took part in yesterday's medical council sought to allay fears that his life was in danger. They admitted that Mr Yeltsin had had "several attacks of steniocardia", in effect mild heart attacks.

But Renat Akchurin, who will head the surgery team during the operation, said he was optimistic about its chances of success. "If we operate now, I would say the chance is about 80 per cent, but we hope that in six weeks the percentage would be close to 100," Dr Akchurin said.

Michael DeBakey, 88, the American heart surgeon called on to give a second opinion, said Mr Yeltsin would be able to resume a normal working life from six weeks to two months after the operation. "I am encouraged to tell you that the operation is needed and it should provide an excellent result," said Dr DeBakey. "In my experience of patients having this kind of problem, there is no reason why the President should not be restored to full normal activity."

Dr DeBakey's presence is being used by the presidential staff to reassure Western governments that they are not the victims of a Kremlin cover-up. The American doctor said that he would return to Russia for the operation and was under President Clinton's personal orders to stand by.

According to his aides, Mr Yeltsin cannot contemplate the idea of eking out his presidency in sickness as Leonid Brezhnev did in his last years. It would be even more unthinkable for him, given his love of high office, to step down and renounce the presidency. That is clearly why he has decided to go ahead with surgery despite the risks and the long waiting period.

The President was present throughout the two-hour medical council at the Central Clinical Hospital, the old Politburo clinic. According to one report so was his daughter, Tatyana Dyachenko, who has quietly taken on the role of a Kremlin strategist since the election campaign. Dr DeBakey said that, although he was physically restricted, Mr Yeltsin was able to function mentally as normal. "There is no constriction mentally of any kind and he can function in that capacity as if he were in the Kremlin," Dr DeBakey said.

The positive forecasts of the medical team provided a welcome boost to Mr Yeltsin's Kremlin spin doctors. The President has faced calls in recent days to declare himself physically incapacitated and step down, which would lead to new elections within three months. Gennadi Seleznyov, the Communist Speaker of the Russian parliament, the State Duma, retreated from that position last night and merely called for the medical report by the doctors to be published. But he added that he feared Russia was being run by a clique of Kremlin aides.

The news should also stem fears of a stock market crash. Russian financial markets lost 9 per cent of their value in the first two days of this week and important policy decisions, such as the 1997 budget, have been in virtual limbo pending a decision on the operation.

Russian newspapers have begun to monitor the start of a post-election succession struggle between Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Aleksandr Lebed, the national security chief.

Mr Chernomyrdin is the constitutional heir and will be decreed acting President while Mr Yeltsin is undergoing surgery.

## Operation to last 1½ hours

**Moscow: President Yeltsin's operation will last about 1½ hours. The number of bypasses will be decided during the operation, but will be no more than three or four, said senior Kremlin doctor Sergei Mironov. New blood vessels will be implanted to bypass damaged coronary arteries. *(AFP)***

GRIGORI DUKOR/AP

Anti-fur demonstrators being arrested in Moscow yesterday after they stripped, wrapped themselves in sheets covered with slogans, and marched into Red Square chanting: "We'd rather go naked than wear fur." They were protesting against a fur exhibition in the Russian capital

# 'Starving' army on brink of mutiny, says Lebed

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, savaged the Government yesterday for its treatment of the armed forces, saying that the army was on the brink of mutiny.

In a typically blunt interview published in a Moscow newspaper, the former paratroop general predicted that, unless the authorities acted quickly, the army could react as it did in 1916, when it rebelled against Tsar Nicholas II and set the stage for the Bolshevik Revolution a year later.

"An armed mutiny may take place this autumn," the National Security Adviser told the *Vechernaya Moskvsa* newspaper. He blamed Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, for neglecting the military. "The Government has buried its head in the sand," he said, adding that it was deliberately undermining the armed forces and "drowning" General Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister.

His attack may have reflected the mood in the armed forces accurately, but its timing was seen as part of the power play between General Lebed and Mr Chernomyrdin, regarded as the two leading candidates for the Kremlin leadership should President Yeltsin die or be forced to retire because of ill health.

The former Afghan war veteran said that he had drawn up a plan to resolve the military's dilemma, but that he had no powers to act because the decision lay with the ailing head of state and his Prime Minister. Whatever his motives, General Lebed did draw attention to a potentially explosive problem that has been left unresolved since the break-up of the Soviet Union five years ago. "Officers are in hospital with malnutrition. There is a mass of suicides in the army. People are having to beg and steal," General Lebed said, highlighting just a few of the horror stories about daily life in the military.

The general did not specify what kind of mutiny he meant, although his comments suggested a spontaneous uprising in the ranks rather than an orchestrated military coup by senior officers. His warning came after a similar conclusion in an internal Ministry of Defence document written at the end of last month, which said that some units based in the Arctic were facing starvation and that the loyalty of some soldiers could no longer be guaranteed.

The main cause of the problem is inadequate funding. General Lebed said that the Ministry of Defence received 4 per cent of its required funding in July and none last month. Although President Yeltsin has committed himself to reforming the armed forces and reducing them from two million personnel to a professional force of 1.5 million by the turn of the century, little has been done.

Corruption, poor discipline and low morale are commonplace in the army, facts underscored by its abysmal performance during the Chechnya conflict, where soldiers were routinely drunk, scavenged for food and sold their weapons to the Chechen rebels.

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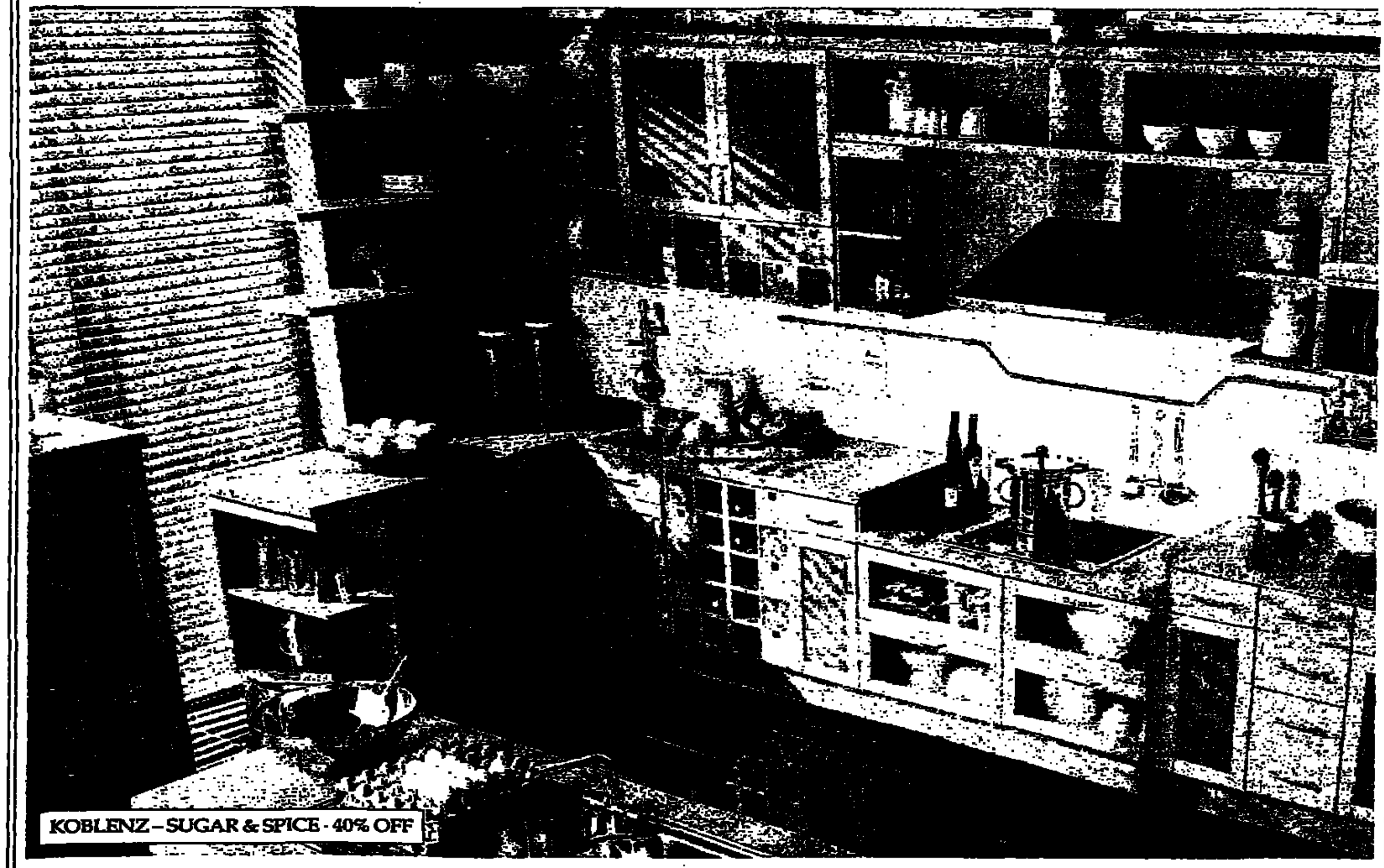

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# Nato will scrap its base in Gibraltar

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

GIBMED, Nato's command in Gibraltar, will be scrapped to satisfy "fundamental" Spanish demands, according to Javier Solana, the alliance's Secretary-General. It is being phased out to pave the way for Spain's "fullest possible integration" with Nato, possibly by the year's end.

Spain, which joined in 1982, had refused to be part of Nato's integrated military command. But José Maria Aznar, the conservative Prime Minister, is intent on playing a Nato role "in keeping with Spanish military and political weight" and has made Gibmed's elimination an "unshakeable precondition".

The shutdown, which has always enjoyed the backing of Señor Solana, a former Spanish Foreign Minister, recently won the support of General Klaus Naumann, president of Nato's military committee.

Yet Spain has had to make two important concessions. Contrary to Madrid's demands, it appears unlikely there will be a new Spanish-led regional command covering the area from Naples to the Strait of Gibraltar.

In the second concession, which will be seen as a serious setback for Señor Aznar by those on his party's Right, Royal Navy vessels sailing to and from the Rock will no longer be barred from Spanish territorial waters.

Spanish jurists are concerned that this could constitute acquiescence in British sovereignty. The matter is expected to be raised in London talks on the Rock tomorrow.

In a separate development sure to raise doubts over Spain's Nato commitment, a Spanish Defence Ministry spokesman was reported yesterday in the newspaper *El Mundo* as saying the country "would not permit the stationing of Nato nuclear weapons on Spanish soil", even after full integration.

☐ **Bergen:** Charles Millon, the French Defence Minister, issued a warning to Nato governments yesterday that, unless the Americans give up heading a key command in the Mediterranean, Paris will drop any idea of reintegrating into the alliance's military structure (Michael Evans writes).

The alliance is in the process of reducing its four European commands to two, one in the north and one, headed by a US admiral, in the south. France wants a European commander to take over both.

# EU allows Paris to give bank more aid

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday approved an emergency injection of Fr3.9 billion (£490 million) of French state aid to keep the Crédit Lyonnais bank afloat pending yet another rescue plan later this year.

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said the aid was being allowed on top of last year's Fr45 billion salvage package to keep the bank out of the red.

"This money is to maintain the status quo until the end of the year," he said.

Rival banks have complained that the huge bail-out of what was once the world's biggest bank outside Japan would give Crédit Lyonnais an unfair advantage. Yesterday's move was the second this month by the Commission which has fuelled suspicions that it is unduly favourable to France. Last week, the Commission gave the nod to a controversial accounting exercise in which Paris switched assets from France Telecom in order to bring its planned 1997 budget deficit into line with the Maastricht criteria for monetary union.

The state-owned French bank, which came close to collapse as a result of reckless 1980s investments in such enterprises as MGM studios, was still nowhere near to being on its feet and would require further restructuring with new aid to survive, Mr Van Miert said.

EU rules allow state aid to rescue ailing companies, but not to give competitive edge. In July 1995 the Commission agreed to the bail-out on condition that the bank sell assets to calm competitors who claimed that it would be given special advantage in Europe.

# Rail unions decide to join French strike

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S powerful railway unions yesterday joined calls for a general strike alongside civil service workers on October 17, setting the stage for a pitched battle over the Government's austerity plans.

Rail workers were the driving force behind last winter's paralysing 24-day strike which forced Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, to abandon efforts to scale back pension rights and overhaul the debt-ridden SNCF rail network. The Socialist CFDT union called for a 24-hour strike and the Communist-led CGT union scheduled a "day of action" to defend jobs, noting that staffing levels at SNCF, with 180,000 employees, will fall by nearly 5,000 this year.

The seven largest public sector unions have called for a 24-hour strike on October 17 to demand wage rises and protest at planned job cuts.

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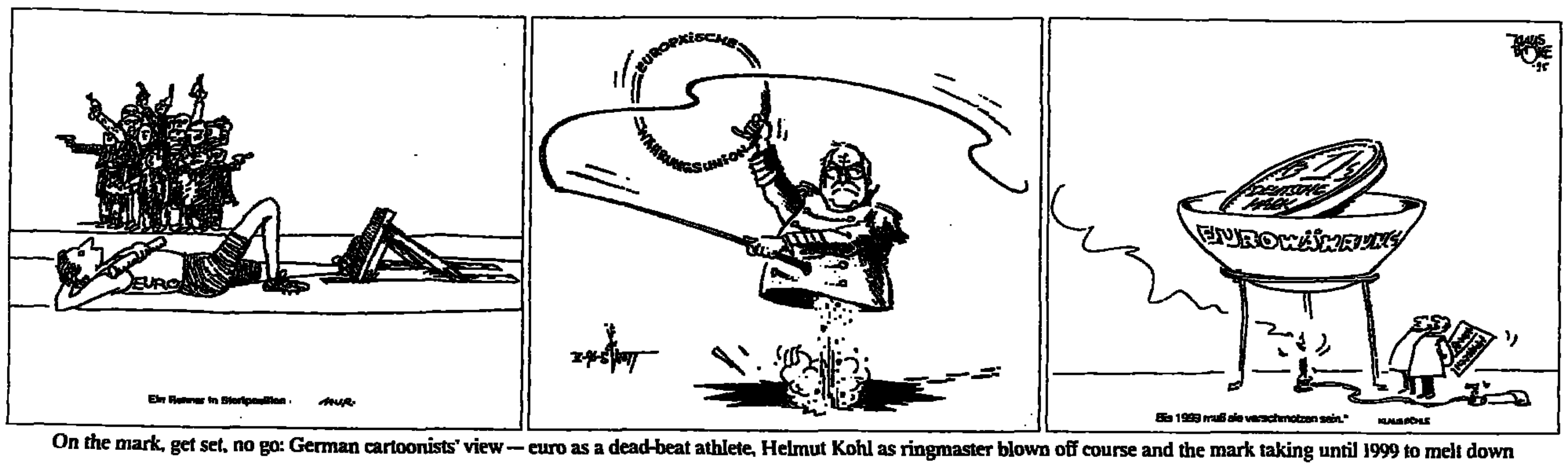
# Germans close ranks to put off evil euro day

## Nervous Bonn rewrites timetable for economic unity, **Roger Boyes** writes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On the mark, get set, no go: German cartoonists' view — euro as a dead-beat athlete, Helmut Kohl as ringmaster blown off course and the mark taking until 1999 to melt down

GERMAN cartoonists are quite clear about the significance of January 1, 1999: it is meltdown day, when the mark is supposed to die for Europe. Unfunny caricatures depict the mark as a half-eaten coin, as one ingredient of an indigestible stew, and a euro as a dead-beat athlete lying prone in his starting blocks.

Politicians — nervously noting that the key economic and monetary union (EMU) decisions come in the election year of 1998 — have taken heed. While the rest of Europe talks of a likely fudge, with the EMU criteria being diluted or generously interpreted, German politicians are returning to the idea of delaying the start of the single currency.

At lunch with a group of foreign correspondents this week, Gerhard Schröder — the Social Democrat most likely to challenge Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, in 1998 — made plain that he regarded EMU as St Augustine saw chastity: a goal worth pursuing but, please God, not yet.

"I don't think it would be a great drama if there were to be a delay, as long as it did not stop the process of integration," said Herr Schröder, who is Prime Minister of the powerful state of Lower Saxony. His hopes, he said, lay in the British chairmanship of the decisive European summit in the spring of 1998 which promised some interesting arabesques. "All we need is 26 votes for a delay — I can quite imagine that." The point would be to buy more time to ensure that there was a genuine economic, and not just monetary, convergence, with social matters also being taken into account. Herr Kohl naturally does not see the matter in quite that light. But he was careful, in presenting a book by Theo Waigel, his Finance Minister, this week, to emphasise that EMU would have a "miserable start" if doubts were cast from the beginning.

Herr Waigel, in his introductory essay to the book *Our Future in Europe*, noted that the EMU schedule was not written in stone. "According to the clear terms of the treaty, only those countries which meet the convergence criteria will have access to the third stage of monetary union. No timetable can take priority over or cancel this precondition."

At the weekend, referring to the Maastricht criterion of a 3 per cent ceiling on public borrowing, the minister underlined: "This means what it says — 3 per cent of GDP, not 3.1 per cent or 3.2 per cent." No fudge then, if Herr Waigel has anything to do with it.

This is the season of book launches in Bonn as the German political class begins to limber up not only for the long election campaign but also for the succession struggle when Herr Kohl eventually signals his retirement.

The Christian Democrat in pole position to succeed the Chancellor is Wolfgang Schäuble who, together with another Kohl favourite, Rudolf Seiters, yesterday presented another book, *Foreign Policy in the 21st Century*.

This book does not openly question the EMU calendar, for Herr Schäuble has already been troubled on this matter. A year ago, with both Germany and France facing dismal economic figures, he suggested that EMU made no sense without France. In repeated interviews, he called for the strictest adherence to the Maastricht entry criteria because only that would allow the Germans to surrender their mark.

Now, his public line is that of the Chancellor's — both the criteria and the 1999 date are of equal importance. Yet, between the lines of his interviews and writings, it is evident that he still considers the date of EMU to be of secondary importance; its critical function is psychological, to prod all candidate members to try harder and meet, as the Chancellor put it, their "rendezvous with history". Herr Schäuble has abandoned none of his European convictions — neither his feeling that EMU could withstand a short postponement (long enough perhaps to win the election in October 1998), nor his commitment to a "hardcore" Europe, has been abandoned.

The shadow over the EMU project is the October 1998 election. Two-thirds of Germans still say they are against abandoning the mark; the EMU issue, as it stands, is a vote-loser. Herr Schäuble is trying to talk around the German doubters by preaching a "healthy patriotism, a correctly understood love of the fatherland that has nothing to do with nationalism ... a patriotism that welcomes European integration".

Herr Kohl has also begun to use "patriotic" rhetoric. The point is to mop up, for the European cause, voters who might drift away to the nationalist Right or even go over to a Euro-sceptical Social Democratic Party. Much of the saving needed to meet the Maastricht criteria must be undertaken by 16 *Länder* (states) — and already swimming pools and libraries are being closed to save money. The provincial politicians, and not just Herr Schröder, want, in return, a greater say in European policy, and indeed in the implementation of monetary union.

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# Working hours cut in Italy

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

ROMANO PRODI, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday unveiled a wide-ranging deal on jobs with the trade unions and the employers' federation, Confindustria, designed to cut high unemployment.

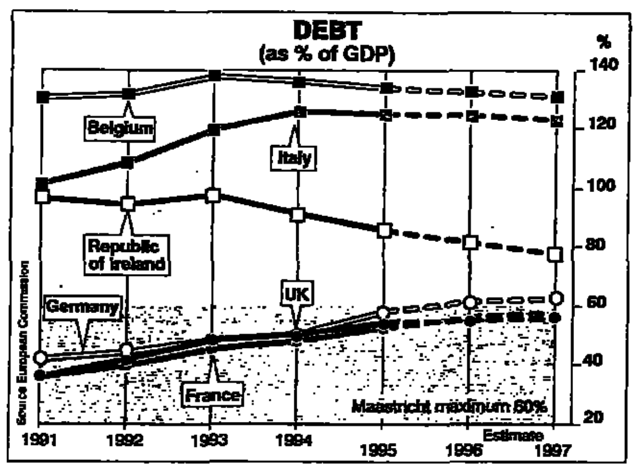
The centre-left Prodi Government hopes the agreement will help persuade the unions and the hard Left to accept a package of spending cuts in the proposed 1997 budget tomorrow as part of Italy's attempt to meet the Maastricht criteria for monetary union.

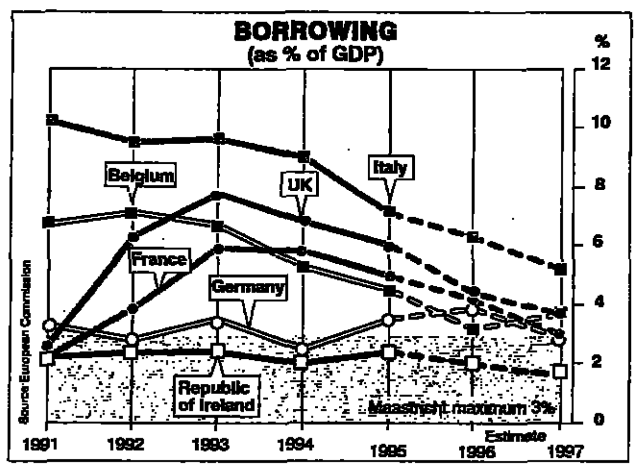
Under the agreement the working week will be cut from 48 hours to 40, and big projects such as railways and roads, frozen since the bribery scandals of 1992, will be revived. The minimum school leaving age is raised from 14 to 16. About 12 per cent of the workforce, or 2.8 million Italians, are out of work.

The agreement includes start-up incentives for businesses, and state-supported apprenticeships for young people between 16 and 24.

# Reality vies with bluff in the currency poker school

BY GEORGE BROCK
EUROPEAN EDITOR





THE run-up to the European Union's single currency is coming to resemble a poker game. Several kinds of bluff are being played: some will be called and some may work.

The only certainty lies in the fact that either the rules laid down for monetary union will have to be bent or the 1999 start date will have to be delayed. The accompanying graphs showing the performance of six countries regarding the two most difficult requirements illustrate how large the gap is between reality and treaty rules.

The graphs are taken from European Commission figures, which many economic analysts would regard as highly optimistic because they assume that cuts in government spending will proceed exactly according to plan. At an EU finance ministers' meeting this month, Jacques Santer, the Commission President, predicted that seven states would bring their deficit below 3 per cent of gross domestic product by the end of next year and that another six would be between 3 per cent and 4 per cent.

However, one of the countries now sounding more confident of being within the 3 per cent limit is France, and that miracle will be achieved only by cooking the budget books. But common wisdom in Brussels holds that French creative accounting is not prohibited by the treaty, so shocked German bankers may have to hold their peace.

The Maastricht treaty lays out a rich field of opportunity for imaginative interpretation if the governments concerned can agree that politics should override economic rigour. States "close" to the right level and heading towards it may be included. But the treaty does not define "close". That word will be at the heart of the debates before and at an EU summit in the spring of 1998 which will decide, by majority vote, which countries qualify and which do not.

☐ Britain will be closer to the targets than some other states much keener on joining the euro. But government borrowing is rising and, if there was ever any prospect of British entry, that might hamper a government's efforts to join the club. Unemployment 7.5 per cent.

☐ Germany is still officially confident that it will pass the tests, although the costs of supporting what used to be East Germany weigh heavy on the public purse. Exporters are discreetly keen that the Maastricht tests are fudged so that a softer new currency makes their business easier. Unemployment 10.2 per cent.

☐ France is the great unknown. This week's budget claims the Government's deficit will be brought into line. Nobody believes it. But the Government has recently found a huge chunk of money floating around the pension funds of France Telecom which will go into state coffers in this year's accounts. The windfall, which Brussels will probably allow, is equivalent to 0.5 per cent of GDP. Unemployment 12.5 per cent.

☐ Belgium is so far out of line on debt that it is almost off the graph. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, has recently taken special powers to lower the debt and deficit. Government debt, touched 140 per cent three years ago, is still double the 60 per cent "limit" and is not due to hit that level until 2015. Yet Belgium is tied in an existing monetary union to well-qualified Luxembourg and the bulk of its trade is with Germany. Nobody has yet let slip the faintest doubt that Belgium will be allowed in. Unemployment 14.5 per cent.

☐ Italy undertook sizeable devaluations of the lira after it fell out of the exchange-rate mechanism, giving Italian exports a fillip, much to the rage of French and German exporters who find it hard to compete. It could come surprisingly close to qualifying on most criteria. The Government is wrangling about how to return to the moribund ERM. Unemployment 12.1 per cent.

☐ Spain is dead keen to stay with the pack. Murmurs of political complaint about either the principle of monetary union or the risk of exclusion have been few. But the deficit was over twice the Maastricht level last year, although in theory it should fall quite quickly. The Economist Intelligence Unit predicted this week that, with determination, Spain could join in 1999. But unemployment is a whopping 22.3 per cent.

☐ Ireland is the star small economy which faces an awkward choice if EMU starts and Britain stays out. Given that political imperatives require less convergent countries such as Belgium and, in the view of a few, even Italy to be squeezed under the barriers, Ireland can hardly be excluded. However, although the share of Irish exports going to Britain has fallen from 61 per cent to 26 per cent since 1973, Britain remains Ireland's main trading partner. Irish exports from the euro zone to a Britain outside it would be bound to suffer. Unemployment 12 per cent.

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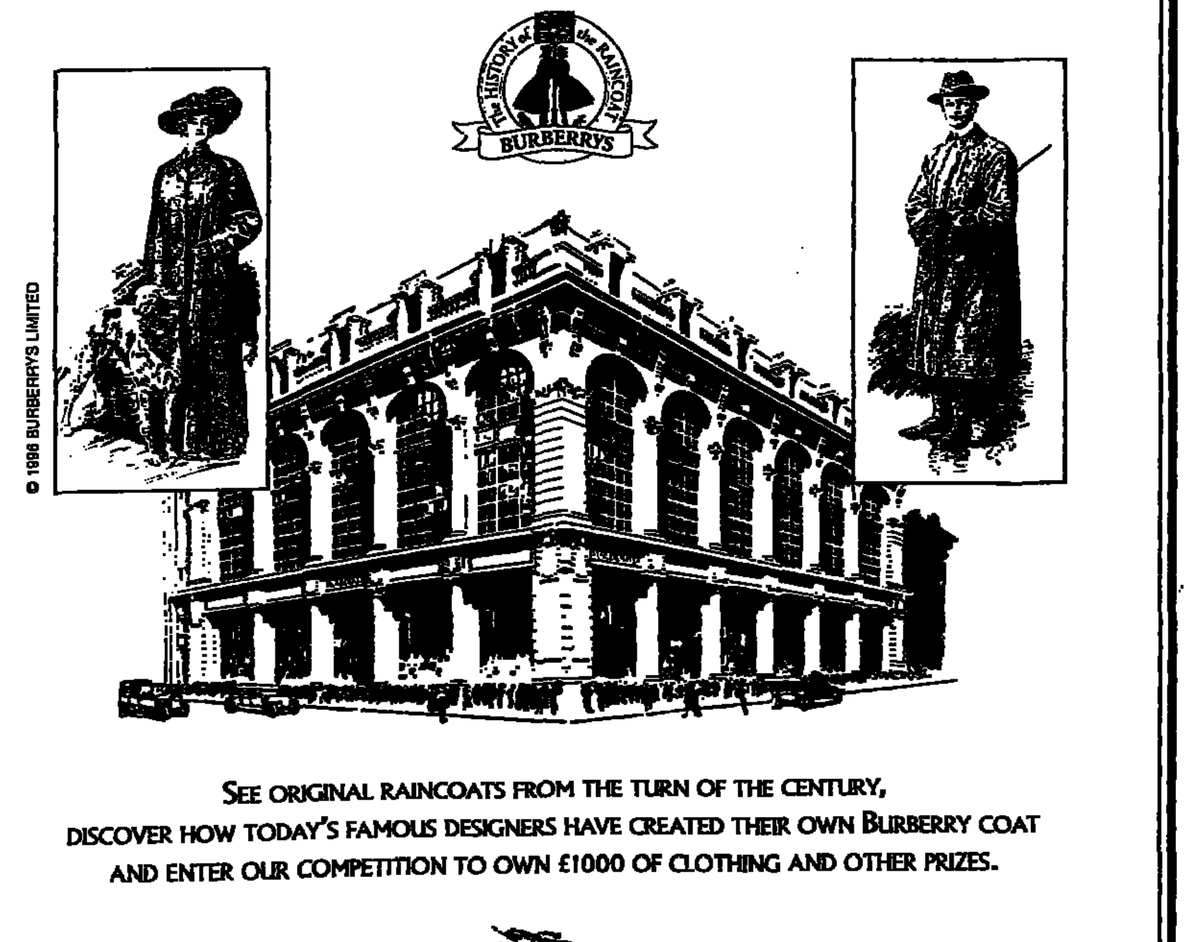

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**Dr Thomas Stuttaford** on the latest drug treatment for panic disorders, the embarrassing problem of headaches that strike at the moment of orgasm, an opportunity for surgeons to inspect the Pope and the disorder that is hardly ever correctly diagnosed

# How to help a patient in a panic

PETER TRIEVNOR

Don't panic — arachnophobia brought on by insects like this tarantula can be treated by new drugs

One of my patients this week, a 45-year-old mother with two young children I shall call Mary Robinson, glanced at the newspaper account, open on my desk, of David Hamilton's panic attack and then told me her own story.

Mr Hamilton is the pilot who had a *crise de nerfs* while flying at 33,000ft over Paris. He insists that he wasn't suddenly frightened of heights, but that he wanted to land as soon as possible so that he could, as it were, take a quick stroll around the block. The troubles of my patient — a very competent professional woman who is spending a few years away from the office while her children grow up — are rather similar.

Mary, too, dislikes the enclosed sensation in an aircraft cabin, but the principal cause of acute anxiety in her case is travelling in the claustrophobic surroundings of the Underground. Incarceration in a closed space, which induces claustrophobia, is not the only circumstance to precipitate a panic attack in Mary. For she, like many other patients who are liable to these episodes, can have one suddenly, totally unexpectedly and for no apparent reason.

When Mary has an attack she complains that she suffers breathlessness, chest pains and palpitation; the palpitations are caused by true tachycardia (rapid heart beat). In her case, the heart rate has increased to more than 200 beats a minute.

Not surprisingly, Mary has always feared that she must have something wrong with her cardiovascular system, and she worries about what would happen to her two children if she were to die from a heart attack. This fear makes her symptoms worse.

Women and the young are most likely to be affected

Although my patient was momentarily reassured by normal electrocardiograms, her attacks returned and with them her anxiety. As a precaution, patients with panic disorder should have an echocardiogram, which allows the doctor to watch the heart working.

Patients with panic attacks also complain that they have a feeling that they cannot breathe in air fast enough to keep them alive and that they are suffocating. Hence their panting respirations, which in turn lead to chest pain, tingling and sometimes even spasm, in the hands and feet. Little wonder that Mr Hamilton experienced air hunger, had palpitations and felt that he needed a quick walk and a breath of fresh air — difficult demands to meet at 33,000ft.

Although panic attacks are more common when patients are stressed, tired or worried, panic disorder should not be diagnosed unless the attacks also occur in the absence of any precipitating feature.

Claustrophobia is not the only phobia which can bring on the symptoms of a panic attack. Other people will have the same sensation if, for instance, they are confronted by a spider (arachnophobia), or suffer from agoraphobia — an anxiety about being in strange surroundings, and on unfamiliar ground, which uncovers a fear that help is not immediately available. The literal translation of agoraphobia is a fear of open spaces. Social phobias, extreme anxiety about meeting people whether as a member of an audience, or as the speaker, can also induce attacks.

It is relevant that Mr Hamilton had recently been bereaved; his mother died a couple of months before the incident and that he had other worries too as his daughter had epilepsy.

Both stress and bereavement often precede the development of panic disorder. Women suffer from the disorder more often than men and in both sexes it attacks the young more often than the middle-aged and elderly; the most common age group is 25-45. Sixty per cent of patients with panic disorder also have symptoms of a depressive illness.

Therapy for panic disorder has been revolutionised by the introduction of the 5HT reuptake inhibitor drugs, which have replaced tranquillisers as the favoured treatment. The 5HT reuptake inhibitor specifically licensed for the treatment of panic disorder and agoraphobia is Seroxat paroxetine. Paroxetine has a calming but not sedative action and a good side-effect profile.

Whatever drug is prescribed, cognitive and behavioural therapy are also needed, for the best results are obtained when psychotherapy is combined with the drug treatment.

## Sex is a headache

A CONSULTANT physician, Dr Paul Woolley, at the University Hospital of South Manchester has written in the *British Journal of Sexual Medicine* about an unexpectedly common problem, orgasmic headaches.

Also known as benign sex headaches, or orgasmic cephalgia, they coincide with sexual intercourse but do not happen at other times. It starts as a dull ache at the back of the head and neck, but as excitement increases the headache becomes more generalised and can become excruciating. The report in the journal describes the pain as being "explosive", the same term which has been used by my patients when talking about the nature of the pain.

Although orgasmic headaches may be worse when the patient is tense and stressed, they often start without warning after years of pain-free sex. Men are affected more than women and Dr Woolley suggests the headaches occur when sex takes place several times over a short period. The doctor will check the patient's blood pressure as part of a general examination and may also order a scan to exclude any intra-cranial lesion. Treatment involves teaching muscle relaxation, as excessive tension in the head and neck muscles may precipitate an attack.

## FOCUS ON THE 'UNKNOWN' DISEASE

THE world's experts in progressive supra-nuclear palsy gather tomorrow to discuss the latest research. Progressive supra-nuclear palsy (PSP) affects 10,000 people in Britain but few have heard of it. Specialists estimate that nine out of ten cases are never correctly diagnosed.

There is no effective treatment for PSP, although its symptoms can be helped. PSP is progressive and the average patient lives for seven years after its diagnosis.

The disease, which starts in late middle-age, is the result of degeneration of the nerve cells and the brain stem and the basal ganglia. Characteristically, the patient's troubles begin with problems with his or her eyes and its first sign is often a difficulty in moving the eye up and down. Instinctive eye movements are unaffected. As the disease progresses, there is a loss of balance, slurred speech and problems in swallowing and coughing. Eventually patients die from respiratory failure.

## Surgery with a gentle touch

The Pope is soon to have an operation to remove his appendix. The operation will give the surgeons a good opportunity to have a look around the papal peritoneal cavity in order to confirm their diagnosis and at the same time the chance to divide any adhesions that might have formed after his attempted assassination and the subsequent abdominal surgery.

Adhesions, a complication of the natural healing process, form when scar tissue grows between organs that ought naturally to be separated. They give rise to ever-tightening bands across the hollow intestines, a process which in time can result in obstruction. Adhesions form in most patients after abdominal surgery.

A study at Westminster Hospital in 1990 showed that adhesions can later be demonstrated in 93 per cent of those who have had pelvic and abdominal surgery, although, fortunately, in most cases they do not cause symptoms. The number of patients who have trouble from adhesions after an operation has been estimated at 5 per cent. Jeremy Thompson, a consultant surgeon at the Ealing and Hammersmith Hospital, suggests that adhesions are now, in developed countries, the commonest cause of obstruction of the small intestine, and are second only to pelvic infection as a cause of infertility in women.

Any damage to intra-abdominal organs by rough handling favours the formation of adhesions. This is particularly important in women because of the danger of later infertility. Surgeons are now highly conscious of the need to handle organs and other tissues very gently. The kind of macho surgery so well portrayed by James Robertson Justice in the *Doctor in the House* films, in which the surgeon rummaged around the abdominal cavity as he roughly hauled the organs out for general examination, is now very unfashionable. Improved and gentler techniques have reduced the incidencies of post-operative adhesions, but research is continuing to find other means of avoiding this complication.

John Paull II: operation

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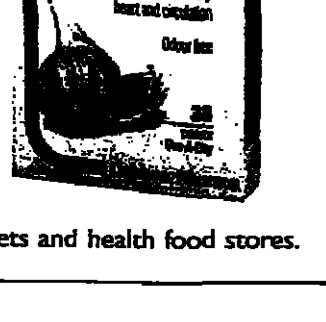

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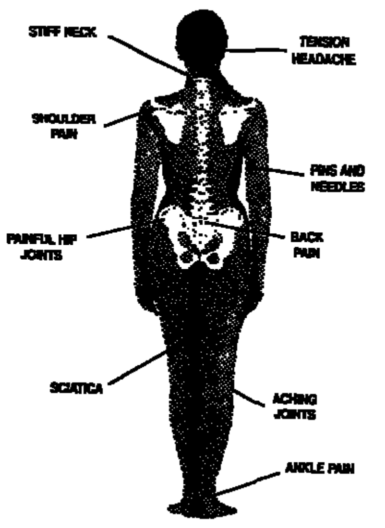

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# 'We are lucky to have Prince Charles'

## The world is in peril, but people such as the Prince of Wales are trying to save it, says Sir Laurens van der Post. Interview by **Noreen Taylor**

Frankly, I wasn't looking forward to interviewing Sir Laurens van der Post. Invariably described as guru by appointment to the Prince of Wales, would he not be rather intimidating or utterly boring? Surely I would face an endless, enigmatic discourse of the whimsical look-deep-into-the-depths-of-the-moon variety? Would he betray an overweening sense of self-importance?

Given his great age — he is 90 — I realised, out of respect, I would be bound to listen without interruption. On the doorstep, I imagined him painstakingly reiterating all the events and characters in his 25th and latest book, *The Admiral's Baby*. The hour's appointment was going to seem an age.

Two-and-half hours later I was still there, mesmerised by the man with the sad, soulful blue eyes, captivated by his storytelling skills, and by the charm and courtesy that could have emanated only from a man born during the Edwardian era.

His secretary told me, politely, that as I had been rather longer than anticipated, Sir Laurens had missed his afternoon nap. It was too late now because Sir James Goldsmith was due.

There had, after all, been no sermons, just the kind of talk that would have struck chords with many of the thoughtful young parading along the King's Road below.

As for *The Admiral's Baby*, he laughed, waving a dismissive arm. "Oh darling," he said, "you didn't have to trawl through all of that, you know." Except that it wasn't a trawl. The book is a remarkable and poignant testimony about the period following his release from a Japanese PoW camp. It also embraces one of his most firmly held beliefs: how to forgive the unforgiveable.

He tells how, after 3½ years of brutal captivity, he found himself in the extraordinary position of guiding his captors, at their request, towards holding the peace in Java.

He recalls: "I stank of war for so long that, like many men, I found it difficult to return to normal domestic life." In fact, his first marriage collapsed under the strain. He later married the writer Ingaret Gifford, now 94, and with whom he has lived for the past 27 years in a penthouse off the King's Road. From his desk, he looks out over the chimneys and steeples of London, directing my eye to the Thames. "Isn't it wonderful! My wife and I, we breakfast here watching dawn breaking, along with the 30 different species of birds.

Sir Laurens in his penthouse: "Moving up means moving closer to nature"

"Moving up in London means moving closer to nature. People are always saying to me: 'Oh, you're always going on about Africa and the great wildernesses of the world, yet you live in the middle of Chelsea.' I tell them that if I lived in Africa I wouldn't be able to write. There's too much going on there. My wife tells people: 'Oh, my husband hasn't left Africa, he just lives in London'. "

Laurens van der Post was born in South Africa in 1906, the 13th of 15 children in a pioneering family of Dutch and French origins. Writer, journalist, fighter against apartheid, explorer, soldier, farmer, conservationist, his name first came to prominence through his books and documentaries about the Kalahari Bushmen. But there are more pressing problems.

Our civilisation is, according to Sir Laurens, in mortal danger. He prophesies that this particular world cycle is coming to an end through materialism, lust for big business, and the manipulation of natural resources.

"We have greater power than at any time in our history to control nature, and it has corrupted us. I know because I think of little else. We are now living in a time of great transformations. Present society is at the end of its cycle, just as Babylon and Ancient Egypt have vanished, so will we. Like those societies, we have failed to regenerate. Instead, we continually repeat our mistakes, choosing not to learn from them.

"We are a wasteful, confused people. A people in peril. What we are doing to nature, to the Great Mother Earth, is frightening. We can't go on like this if mankind is to survive. The breeding around the world, we cannot go on filling the Earth in such uncontrolled numbers . . . At the same time, humankind finds itself increasingly segregated, corralled on to a narrow road leading it away, far away from what I would call, a natural kind of life. We're trapped. And being trapped turns some among us to commit the most evil acts. Yes, you can cite child murderers, paedophilia. Such acts come from the violence within, from using our lives in the wrong way. For the first time we're living in an age without an institution to guide us. Everything is up for reappraisal: religion, the Church, Parliament.

> 'He is a man of vision, of many interests and gifts'

"Why are we here? What are we to do? Why am I so sad, so anxious all the time, I hear people say? I'm continually asked such questions . . . When you've been lucky enough to sell millions of books as I have done, your constituency tends to be a rather large one. People tell me they are frightened."

So what crumbs of comfort can the wise old seer offer to those seekers of such imponderables? Those who come to still the clamour in their heads.

"I merely tell them that questioning is the first step to enlightenment and understanding. That's how wisdom arrives. Discussion, criticism, exchange of ideas, dissatisfaction with life as it is lived now, a sense of alarm at the way we are manipulating nature for our own excess, these are all very healthy signs. We know our excesses are wrong, yet we can't stop ourselves because it's so enjoyable."

Looking out of his windows, at the commuting traffic snaking along the streets below, he asks: "Is that any sort of life?" By that I take it he means the one most modern urbanites are forced to live: driving to and from an office, days spent sitting in front of a screen, too exhausted by the weekend to do much more than watch another screen?

"Exactly," he replies, explaining that it's the people who lead those lives who ask him why they get into this trap in the first place. "Millions of people are leading lives they don't want," he says. "But the people I meet, the people who sit here and talk to me, belong to a society yet to come. They don't know it, but they are the people of the future. Already they are helping to bring about reappraisal, to challenge what has become doomed patterns of destruction within our cities as well as our countryside. They are rebelling against size, against the dreadful blandness threatening Europe, the continent of diversity, the cradle of all those great individual talents."

Who are these people? Might the Prince of Wales be one? "Absolutely," came Sir Laurens's firm response. "He is a man of vision, of many interests and gifts, and would certainly play some vital part."

Like an anguished grandfatherly figure defending a younger, more vulnerable family member under attack, he asks: "Why is it, do you think, the press constantly criticises him? Why do they ignore the good he does?

"Do they not realise that he has helped to create more than 25,000 small businesses, that he is one of the few voices railing against the destruction of our cities with these ghastly hotel blocks, that he cares desperately about education, about generations to come, and of what is happening to the current one?

"Yet all they do is mock him, make snide remarks about him smelling flowers. Can they not see what this is doing to him, this constant tirade? The man is only trying to do his best. The man they criticise so glibly is someone we're lucky to have. So full of knowledge, humility, all sorts of interests, in whatever is going on in the world. Oh, we have had some wonderful talks. Hopefully one day, he will come to be appreciated by those who attack him."

● The Admiral's Baby *is published by John Murray on October 10, £19.99.*

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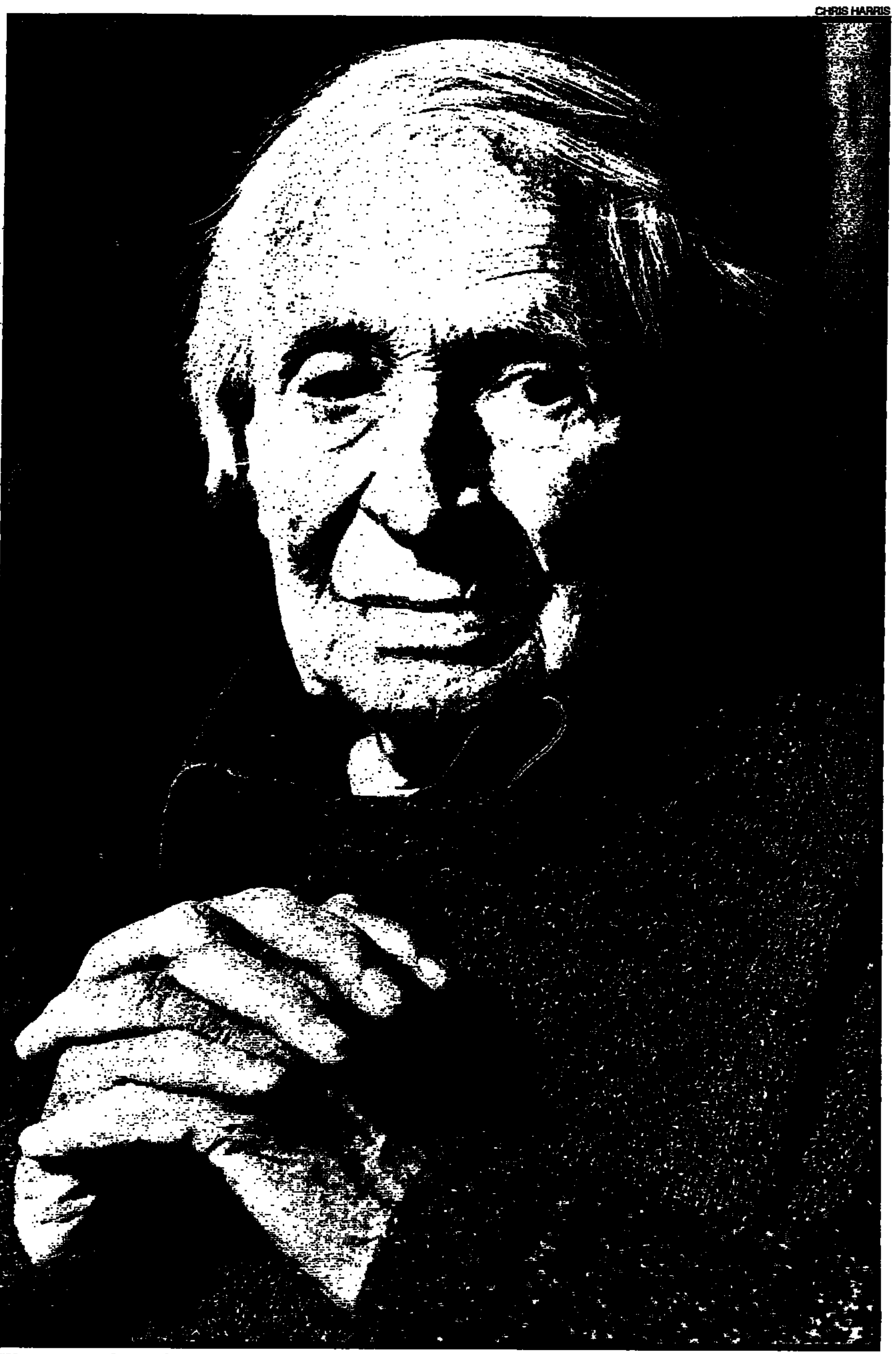

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# Nothing learnt, nor forgotten

### For **Eilis O'Hanlon**, Gerry Adams is no Irish Mandela

For Gerry Adams, the Labour MP Jeremy Corbyn is what Lenin wickedly called a "useful idiot". Even the discovery of an imminent IRA bombing campaign this week was not enough to deter the Member for Islington North from providing a platform in the Palace of Westminster for Sinn Fein's president to promote his autobiography. The threat of losing the Labour whip may not have the desired effect either.

But the Labour leadership's determination to ditch the nationalist fantasising which has plagued the party throughout the Troubles, and to pursue instead a policy of mundane realism in Northern Ireland, has been perhaps the least expected and hence the most pleasing of Tony Blair's reforms. For the first time in Labour's history, the Corbyns have been firmly banished to the lunatic fringe.

None of this makes much difference to the Provisional IRA itself, of course, as a reading of Gerry Adams's *Before The Dawn* makes plain. The IRA operates in a fantasy world every bit as strange as Corbyn's own and has always taken an obscene delight in demonstrating anew its sanguinary ingenuity. Reports of our demise, each murder proclaims, have been greatly exaggerated: and nowhere was this cry more loudly echoed, as the Sinn Fein leader himself recalls, than at Warrenpoint, where 18 British soldiers died at the hands of an IRA bomb.

The IRA lives in a strange fantasy world

Adams conspicuously leaves unremarked the explosion on the same day, at Mullaghmore in Co Sligo, which killed Lord Mountbatten of Burma. Not even to mention Mountbatten in this context, as if his death were so insignificant that republicans barely remembered it, looks like a calculated exercise in insensitivity. Likewise his determination to launch the publicity campaign for his book from the House of Commons — the symbol of British democracy, and a place which was itself desecrated by the assassination of Airey Neave in 1979.

Republicanism's indifference to all rights and traditions and identities and sufferings but its own is apparent throughout this sentimental, self-aggrandising, one-sided account of the Troubles. The Northern Ireland he evokes is a place in which innocent Roman Catholics, guarded only by the IRA, risk near-daily death and torture at the hands of bloodthirsty loyalists but in which nothing is ever the fault of Irish republicans. One would not guess from this account of the early 1970s, for example, that it was the IRA which was responsible for the great majority of murders, or that it has killed three times more Catholics than the British Army and the RUC combined.

The same dishonesty characterises his consideration of the effects of violence. At the funeral of a young republican shot dead by the British Army, Mr Adams confesses himself "unable to grasp the logic, the divine wisdom, which tightened a British soldier's trigger finger and produced yet another corpse". Yet not once does he turn this bafflement on his own comrades.

Adams's analysis of the moral justification for politically inspired violence, the central question for nationalists of the post-1969 generation in Northern Ireland, follows the same sterile, puerile, partisan course. "Was it right to kill?" Adams asks through the persona of an imaginary IRA volunteer: but, having asked it, the question is peremptorily dismissed. "It might or might not be right to kill, but sometimes it was necessary," the "volunteer" concludes blandly: "They [the British] should not be here. It was his country, not theirs. They didn't belong. They gave him no choice except to fight."

Maybe too long a sacrifice has made a stone of Gerry Adams's heart, but it is hard to credit from this icy sectarian myopia that this is the same man who has been lionised as a statesman, a peacemaker, an Irish Mandela, a man who has not only put violence behind him but now recognises its futility.

There is no sense of such an active inner life within the author of this work, no sense of doubt or mental struggle or reflection prompted by the passing years or the dreadful anguish those years have wrought on these islands. He appears to think now much as he thought in 1969, and the only refinement which time has wrought is in the language through which the fundamental unchanging intolerance of his creed is expressed. He urges us to lay the past aside but repeatedly dwells on his own grievances, picking irritably at the scabs of nationalist disaffection.

More frighteningly still, nowhere does he evince even a glancing awareness of Unionist thinking. His mind ticks over in a moral, political and cultural vacuum and the culture and aspirations, indeed the very existence of Ulster's majority population, remain an inconsequential, irrelevant mystery to him. From the darkest moments of the IRA campaign to the present day, he has not once ceased to regard Unionists as mere hapless tools of a British Establishment, unworthy of consideration in their own right.

There are only two possibilities. Either Mr Adams is still not his own man, still constrained by circumstance, and still sees the act of writing his autobiography only as an extension of a lifetime's propagandising — or else *Before The Dawn* is an accurate summation of his political thought. But if this exercise in specious self-justification really is all that Gerry Adams has to say about the past decades of atavistic slaughter, then God help us all.

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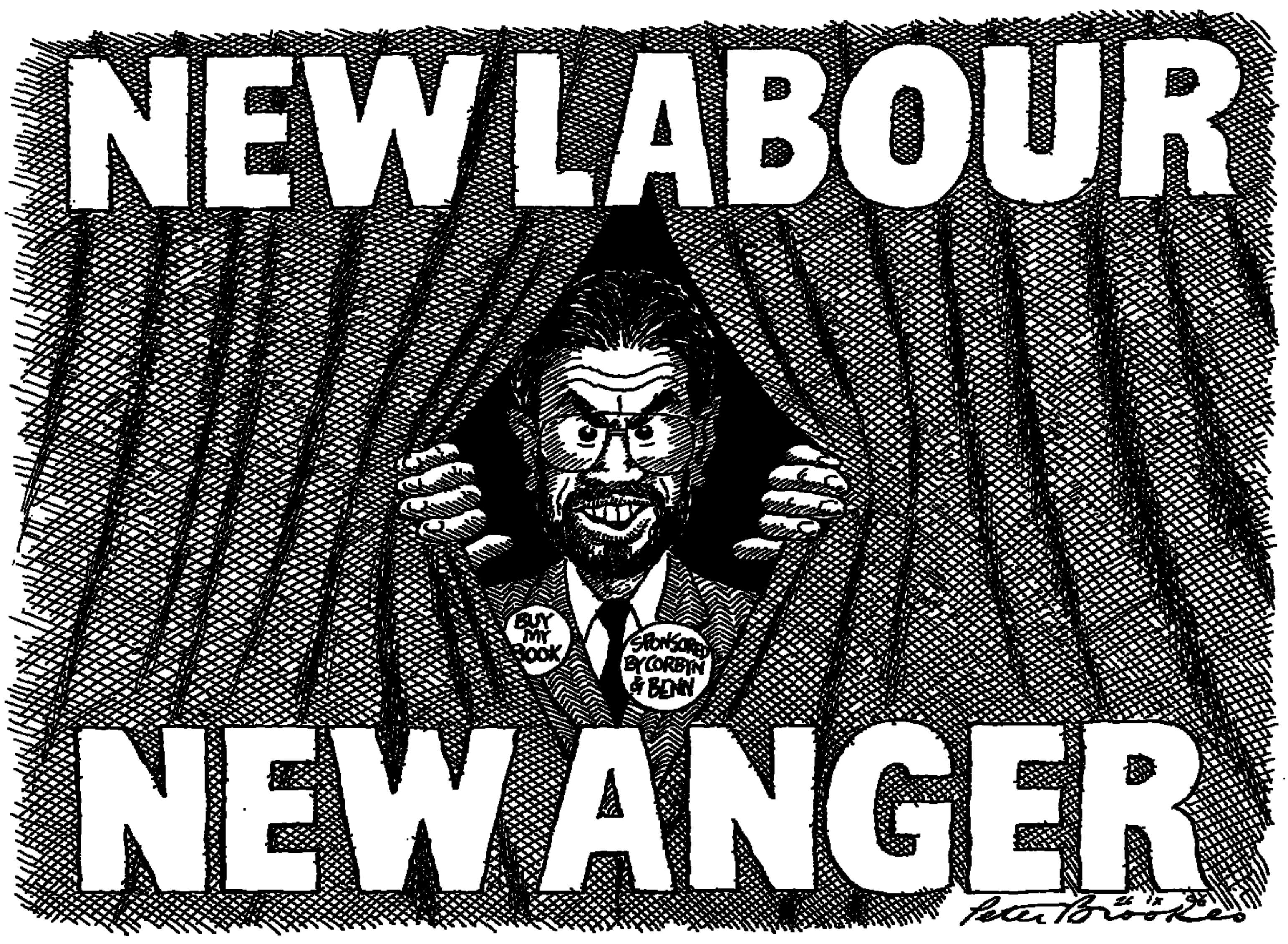

# Major is losing the drift

### The Cabinet must choose between democratic and bureaucratic cultures

### *William Rees-Mogg*

The Cabinet is completely split on the single currency issue. That is obvious, and has been for some time. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made it only too clear that he is in favour of joining at the earliest possible date. The Foreign Secretary is against that, as his most recent speech showed, as are the Eurosceptics in the Cabinet and the majority of Conservative Members of Parliament. The Prime Minister is determined to avoid a decision, at least for the time being. John Major said on Tuesday: "I spoke to the Chancellor by phone today in Bermuda and I am quite clear and he is quite clear that what he said has been misrepresented." It all sounds like dialogue from a French farce. "I spoke to the Chancellor by phone today in Bermuda and I am quite clear and he is quite clear that he was never in Mademoiselle Fifi's apartment."

They will not come clean about the Government's intentions, and so long as they do not come clean, the Labour Party does not have to either. Is this damaging to the Government? Of course it is. The decision whether or not to join the European single currency is not a simple question of financial mechanics but an historic question about the constitutional future of Britain. A Prime Minister who enters his name among the "don't knows" cannot expect to win back the confidence of the electorate. Nor does he deserve to do so.

The European federalists, like Kenneth Clarke himself, at least say what they think, even if they will not admit to having said it. None of those who listened to Kenneth Clarke's replies on *The World at One* at all misunderstood his point of view. The press did not "misrepresent him". That is a subsequent fabrication, made up days later to try to hold the Cabinet together. Yet Kenneth Clarke's argument, if more frank, is still utterly inadequate. There are central issues which Kenneth Clarke dismisses as irrelevant, and has never faced in the debate. The most important is democracy itself. The single currency would transfer power over exchange rates and interest rates from Parliament, where it now resides, to the European Central Bank, which is made up of non-elected and unremovable officials.

I can never understand how leading British parliamentarians could possibly accept this transfer. It is, after all, their power and that of the electorate which would be given away. The Labour Party is so concerned about the purity of British democracy that it proposes to take away the small residual rights of hereditary peers.

At the same time, Labour contemplates with equanimity transferring the money power away from the House of Commons and handing it over to European bureaucrats. That indeed is straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

Kenneth Clarke does not say that he has become disenchanted with democracy and has decided that unelected bureaucrats would do a better job. He does not say that there is no longer any point in all those old-fashioned slogans of "one man, one vote", or "no taxation without representation". He simply says that all this does not matter, that the transfer of exchange-rate, interest-rate and budget policies from Parliament to the European bureaucrats makes no significant political difference. Such an argument is indeed "pathetic", the word Kenneth Clarke uses to describe his critics.

If he is cavalier about democracy, he is equally cavalier about unemployment. Britain now has the lowest level of unemployment of the large European countries. In Germany one worker in ten is unemployed; in France and Italy it is one in eight; in Spain it is one in four. All these countries have been deflating their economies, despite the socially dangerous levels of unemployment, in order to prepare for the single currency. Does Kenneth Clarke, as Chancellor, want to see British jobs destroyed in the same way? If we do join the single currency, it will be run to suit the economic conditions of other countries, which will not be the same as ours.

In 1925, Winston Churchill, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, took Britain back on to the Gold Standard, a decision which was rightly criticised at the time by John Maynard Keynes. We went back at the prewar rate of exchange, which was too high for the conditions of 1925. As a result, unemployment rose in the late 1920s; attempts to reduce wages led to the General Strike of 1926. In 1931 Britain was forced to abandon the Gold Standard and that started the recovery, which accelerated in the mid-1930s and eventually brought unemployment back down to more tolerable levels.

In 1990, John Major as Chancellor of the Exchequer took Britain into the European exchange-rate mechanism. He too was criticised, on the compelling grounds that the pound was fixed at the wrong rate and at the wrong time. Britain then suffered particularly severely from the recession of the early 1990s, with rising unemployment, many bankruptcies and the collapse of the housing market. These events ruined lives and destroyed public confidence in the Government, which has not recovered to this day. In 1992 Britain was forced to leave the ERM. The pound fell, interest rates were reduced, the predicted inflation did not occur and recovery began. British unemployment has fallen below the average European level because the pound is an internationally competitive currency. With the example of 1931 and 1992, why should we make the same mistake for a third time? These arguments have to be met by the Labour Party just as much as by the Conservatives. If the single currency is destructive of democracy and raises unemployment, the Labour policy which is in favour of joining if possible, is even worse than the complete indecision of the Tories. But the Conservative Party is in government. No doubt there are divisions in the Shadow Cabinet as well, but it is the Cabinet which has the immediate responsibility for governing the country. Any Prime Minister who allows his Foreign Secretary and his Chancellor to make opposite speeches in the same week on a subject of this importance shows that he has lost control of his Government. It may not much matter what a junior minister says, but the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor are the two pillars on which John Major's Government rests, and the pillars have now gone walkabout.

Behind all these arguments there is the difference of political culture between Britain and continental Europe. The Anglo-Saxon tradition is democratic and not bureaucratic. As Baroness Thatcher observed in her James Bryce Lecture on Tuesday evening, the American Declaration of Independence embodies older British ideas of freedom under law, ideas which the Americans themselves derived from English philosophers such as John Locke. These ideas have influenced continental democracy, and were regarded as subversive in 18th-century France, but have not replaced the claims of administrative right, or the power of the bureaucratic class. The European bureaucratic tradition can be seen in the way the Roman Empire itself was run, and in the administration of the Roman Catholic Church. It can be seen in the France of Colbert or of Napoleon, in the Germany of Bismarck and the Prussian monarchy, and in the administrative structure, which has largely survived, of Fascist Italy and Spain. European democracy has, as it were, been tacked on as a façade for a bureaucratic building; certainly in the European Union bureaucracy is the dominant power. In 1891 a German professor observed enthusiastically: "The German State is a State of the supremacy of officialdom. Let us hope it will remain so." The "State of supremacy of officialdom" has been reborn in Brussels, and by and large that has been acceptable in Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

It is not acceptable in Britain. I doubt whether we would have chosen to join even a fully democratic European federation, with sovereign European Parliament, an elected European President, or whatever constitution might have been chosen. But we would at least have understood such a structure. What our European partners ought to recognise is that this gap in political culture is decisive. A non-democratic Europe run by the official class is never going to be acceptable to the British. To us it seems strange that the other European nations should be so content to live within it, but if they wish to do so we can hardly stop them. The official State does not fit the British political tradition. Yet the single currency is dependent on creating the official State.

# Modernist homage to St Paul's

### **Giles Worsley** on Paternoster, the Prince's square

No cause has been more closely identified with the Prince of Wales's intervention in architecture than Paternoster Square, to the north of St Paul's Cathedral. Touching a chord of popular dissent, his speech at the Mansion House in 1987 effectively brought a halt to plans for a Modernist redevelopment and led directly to the Classical scheme by the architects John Simpson and Terry Farrell, which replaced it.

Now this proposal, which has planning permission, has just been abandoned by the owners of the site, Mitsubishi. Instead a new scheme, masterminded by Sir William Whitfield, will be submitted to the planners. Of the four architects recently chosen to give flesh to Whitfield's masterplan, Sir Michael Hopkins and Richard MacCormac were involved in the earlier abortive Modernist scheme by Arup Associates, while Allies and Morrison is also a Modernist practice. Only John Simpson survives of the old team of architects from the Classical scheme. Has all that the Prince fought for been abandoned? Is Simpson's commission a mere sop to royal concern?

That is certainly how it is being presented by the Prince of Wales's architectural critics. Obsessed with the question of style, many of these are unable to see beyond the Classical language of the Simpson and Farrell scheme and realise that the real issue is not a battle of columns against glass and steel, but of planning and respect for the setting of St Paul's. The columns and pilasters may have gone, but the principles for which the Prince argued would appear to have survived in Whitfield's masterplan. Indeed, in many ways his ideals are better represented now than they were in the scheme that received planning permission.

By the time it was finally approved, Simpson's original plan had been severely compromised. Simpson had suggested redeveloping the area along lines which respected the grain and character of the prewar street pattern. Simpson's recreation of the traditional London streetscape was in strong contrast to the Arup scheme, which would have seen the effective privatisation of the public domain, as in the Broadgate development by Liverpool Street station.

But the American developers who dominated the complicated ownership of the site demanded changes. An underground shopping mall arrived, and what had been planned as a series of individual buildings ended up as a single megastructure which spoke the exuberant language of American commercial Classical architects. In place of Simpson's original, essentially Georgian, austerity came a rich vocabulary of columns and pilasters, reminiscent of 1900s New York. Although many of the original urban ideals remained, Paternoster Square was perilously close to being a standard commercial development in Classical dress.

It would appear that Whitfield's redesign has stripped out the less palatable elements so recently deemed essential by commercial experts. The open square with traditional streets has survived, but the underground shopping has gone and so has the massive substructure. Once again, each of the different buildings is distinct. This also means that in due course the site can be redeveloped piecemeal and so reintegrated into the City, something which could not have happened with the earlier scheme.

Not all the changes are positive. The absence of Demetri Porphyrios from the list of architects is a pity, as he was the only one of the earlier architects who seemed to be transcending the corporate Classicism of his neighbours to suggest a new way forward for designing large urban buildings. There are also some who consider that the relationship between St Paul's and the south end of the square is not yet satisfactorily resolved. But the spirit of the Prince of Wales's proposal remains intact.

Much will depend on whether Whitfield is able to insist on a common code of building ethics — of language and materials — across the site which would be respectful to St Paul's. Looking at Allies and Morrison's recent restrained Dublin Embassy or Hopkins's Glyndebourne, I can see no reason why they should not. These architects represent the respectable face of English Modernism, prepared to learn from the past as well as the present, and with a growing interest in traditional materials and structural techniques. They have little in common with the uncompromising stance of, say, Richard Rogers in the Lloyd's Building.

Empty and forlorn, Paternoster Square today is a national humiliation. The sooner it is demolished and replaced the better. But in its haste, the Corporation must not allow itself to compromise on quality. As the character of the City changes with the relaxation of planning controls, particularly in conservation areas, and with the threat of massive towers rising before us, the least we can expect is that certain areas of the City retain their distinction. Paternoster Square must be one of them.

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THE TIMES DIARY

# G'bye Paula

TIME to dig out the bunting and pop the spumante: Paula Yates, rock siren, mother and breast enlargee, plans to leave London for Australia. Miss Yates is at present in Sydney visiting the parents of the pop star Michael Hutchence, the small, hairy father of Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lilly, her youngest daughter.

Yates: g'day Sydney

Interviewed in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Yates says: "I love Australia. There is no comparison with Britain. Australia is special to me — my new daughter is Australian. I think we will definitely move here." She follows up her bombshell with the caveat that "we would have to arrange it with Bob so he could see his children as much as possible". Bob, of course, is Bob Geldof, sire to Yates's other three daughters.

Despite what seemed to outsiders a rather rancorous split from Geldof, Yates is determinedly upbeat about her novel family set-up. "Things are so nice at home," she says, "it's like the bloody Waltons."

By moving to the other side of the world, Yates hopes she can find some peace away from the hyenas of the British press. "In London they chase my children down the street until they fall over. Then they take pictures of them crying and run them with a headline saying 'Paula's children cry over her divorce'.. the Australian media have been really nice." Long may it continue.

## In absentia

DOING her bit for London Fashion Week, Norma Major was judging a children's fancy-dress competition last night on behalf of the Renton Foundation, a charity for the mentally handicapped of which she is patron.

The catwalk parade of local schoolchildren was attended by some upstanding folk, not least Sir Tim Bell in the front row. But Sir Tim's great friend Baroness Thatcher was absent, even though the annual event took place yards from her home in Chester Square. "She never comes," said an organiser. "The Thatchers do not participate in the neighbourhood at all."

● *Sir Peregrine Worsthorne's wife Lucinda Lambton has weighed into the debate on the censorship of explicit photos at the Robert Mapplethorpe exhibition in London. In this morning's* New Statesman, *she says she finds one of the banned pictures — of a three-year-old girl called Rosie — perfectly innocent. Lucinda knew Mapplethorpe and is not unacquainted with the young girl — for she is Rosie's aunt.*

## Nick knack

AMID Paddy Ashdown's macho posturing at the Liberal Democrat conference in Brighton there was one tender moment. Nick Clarke, the presenter of the BBC's *World at One* received a smacker on the lips from a male admirer yesterday. After interviewing Ashdown in the conference hall, Paddy's supporters heckled Clarke for giving their leader a hard time.

Then, a middle-aged gentleman came to his aid; he pushed through the throng and, in the heat of the moment, kissed him squarely on the lips. "That's from my wife, she's a great admirer," he gushed, leaving Clarke speechless.

***'Oh, he's not in the show, he just stalks the model'***

## Rusty steed

THE IRON Duke is looking a little unsteady on his feet. The statue of the Duke of Wellington astride his steed at Hyde Park Corner is to undergo exploratory surgery. J.E. Boehm's famous 1888 bronze figure of the duke mounted on his horse Copenhagen overlooks Apsley House, still the ducal home in London. "There's some cracking at the base," says a National Heritage spokesman of Boehm's statue. "We need to investigate."

## Home run

THE QUEEN'S nephew, Viscount Linley, has found a new home in Belgravia, haunt of wealthy aristocrats and Baroness Thatcher. I understand he is behind the transformation of two mews houses into a substantial family house at a cost of more than £1 million.

**Linley and Serena: nesting**

Locals believe that Linley is building his marital home, despite the fact that he bought a large £400,000 flat last year in the top floor of a former secondary school in Battersea. Others suggest that he could be expanding his furniture empire or even moving into property development.

Linley has been showing interest in Belgravia property for some time. He was keen on the old police station which was sold instead for £2 million to Count Leopold Bismarck, great-grandson of Germany's Iron Chancellor, who plans to knock it down and build anew.

Frantic excavation is now underway at the mews house. "They're going to hit the Underground if they carry on like this," says a neighbour.

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# NOTHING STRAIGHT

### Little about EMU is simple, least of all its prevention

Even assuming that Cabinet discipline is restored, John Major's policy on EMU will be difficult to sustain up to the general election. Strategic ambiguity is a hard concept to defend: it is readily pilloried as weakness. There will be no relaxation of the pressures on the Prime Minister to head for the escape hatch and rule out British entry into EMU during the next Parliament.

Those arguing this course have a decent case. At some point — probably by the end of next year — the option will anyway have to be closed. An early declaration would steal an electoral march on Labour. It can be argued that Britain's best hope of derailing the project lies in giving clear advance notice of Britain's determination to stay clear: since EMU will be a disaster for Britain, whether or not it joins, why not say "no" now?

The best argument on the other side is that strategic ambiguity will help Britain's prospects of persuading others in Europe about the danger of proceeding with EMU in 1999. British leverage is small; but it is not worth reducing for that reason alone. EMU is creating extraordinary tensions in continental Europe. Their outcome is extremely uncertain. Why not stay poised to make the best of uncertain events?

Much can happen in the 18 months before EU governments meet in the spring of 1998 to decide who qualifies for EMU. Some governments know already that they cannot meet the Maastricht criteria by next year. They fear that they will be discriminated against by the "insiders". They may be highly receptive to Britain's argument about how damagingly divisive EMU will be.

Britain occupies the rotating EU presidency for the first half of 1998 and would preside over the critical summit. Among non-qualifiers, together with Scandinavian governments increasingly worried by the high unemployment costs of complying with Maastricht disciplines, Britain might hope to build a blocking minority against proceeding in 1999. The task would be to assemble 26 votes against any fudging of the criteria for those, such as Belgium, that could not otherwise qualify.

One increasingly attractive option for EMU's backers, therefore, is delay. German politicians, aware of the abiding unpopularity of EMU with German voters and with their eye on the German national elections in 1998, may even come to endorse delay as the only way to rescue the project. As we report today on page 15, hints to that effect are coming both from Chancellor Kohl's likely successor, Wolfgang Schauble, and his Finance Minister, Theo Waigel. Gerhard Shröder, the Social Democrat most likely to challenge Herr Kohl in 1998, openly looks to Britain to produce the "interesting arabesques" needed for a postponement.

British ambiguity cannot guarantee delay; and delay cannot guarantee an EMU derailment. There is even the risk that, by reassuring German voters, it would make EMU more likely. But the panic that the mere thought of delay evokes in the French Establishment suggests otherwise. In France, too, 1998 is a general election year and, well before then, the Chirac Government needs to be able to meet the Maastricht criteria and end austerity.

Even after the creative accounting that went into this year's French budget it is still too tough for the unions, who are taking to the streets again. Provided the timetable holds, Alain Juppé can still say, as he did yesterday, that "to give up up now, when we are so close to the goal, would be pathetic" and would squander "the efforts over several years of our entire nation". If it slips, it would be political suicide to try to hold the budgetary line. In Germany earlier this year, M Juppé admitted that if EMU were postponed just for a year, "then it will be 2010 and nothing will have been done". For France, that looks like the plain truth.

For the British Government the odds are desperately hard to calculate. A derailing strategy will require deft tactical shifts and be as difficult to guide as it is to explain. There are no soundbites to be had, no words of easy reassurance to the Conservative Party faithful in Bournemouth. But to borrow from Kant, out of the crooked timber of European politics nothing straight was ever made. Great and lasting damage to Britain could result from EMU; those who would have the Government reject EMU now should first ask whether that is the best way to prevent such damage. On today's best reckoning, it is not.

# OPEN LABOUR

### Coming cleaner on tax, cracking harder on terrorism

By facing down his rebels and facing up to reality Tony Blair is showing a seriousness about power which may make its capture more likely. The Labour leader is right to act against those in his party who sabotage his chances of victory by posturing with pariahs. Mr Blair is also right to consider closing his credibility gap on taxation by providing some facts. Neither is a sufficient condition for victory but both are very necessary.

The threat of disciplinary action towards the Islington North MP, Jeremy Corbyn, for inviting the Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams to the House of Commons is a welcome assertion of Mr Blair's authority. Mr Adams put himself beyond the pale when the IRA ended its ceasefire. He is more than an apologist for terror; he is a leader of the republican movement whose plans to inflict potentially massive loss of life were, mercifully, intercepted on Monday.

Mr Adams hoped to use this week to advance the case for the violent dismemberment of this country with a partial, and polemical, autobiography. The discovery that IRA terrorists were planning a series of "spectaculars" has been a better insight into the nature of republicanism than any glossy hardback. Mr Corbyn was still happy to give Mr Adams a platform in the Commons, holding cheap the lives of innocents and the principles of the House. Labour's Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, was quite correct to warn Mr Corbyn of the consequences.

The prospect of a closer understanding with the Liberal Democrats could free Mr Blair from reliance on his hard left for a working majority. Withdrawing the whip from rebels could be an effective way for him to distance his party from its extremists and its past. The prospect of Mr Blair being a Trojan horse for the hard Left is diminished if there is no hard Left inside Labour.

There are dangers. The prospect of a respected dissident such as Tony Benn being disciplined reawakens memories of unhappy episodes in the past when men such as Stafford Cripps, Michael Foot and even Aneurin Bevan felt the leadership's lash and party cohesion was placed under strain. But parties are often better for shedding their past and forging new relationships. The reforming Liberal administration of 1906 which Mr Blair so much admires was unencumbered by its old Unionist right wing and encouraged in its radicalism by the infant Labour Party.

That administration, like all progressive Governments, could only fund its radical ambitions by increasing taxation. If Labour is to fulfil even the modest expectations it has aroused it must show how, credibly, it could afford its programmes. It will strain belief if, as in 1959, Labour raises hopes in an election campaign without any plans to raise taxes. It will be difficult to balance popular appeal with fiscal honesty; but the revelation of that balance is at last beginning.

# COOL BRITANNIA

### Fashion's fickle eye is fixed on London

A fusillade of flashbulbs and an autumnal rustle of chequebooks has marked this season's London Fashion Week. Britain's frockfest has long been Cinderella beside those unctuous sisters of haute couture, Paris and Milan. Not this year: in both media and marketplace there is unprecedented interest in the designs of London.

British designers may not have the glamour of Paris or the elegance of Milan. But, like so much of current British culture, they have a sense of excitement and engagement that leaves rivals looking like dowdy dowagers upstaged by a coltish mistress. It is a cause for celebration far beyond South Molton Street that native talent has seduced, and held, fashion's fickle eye. British fashion employs 400,000 people and earned £3 billion in exports last year.

Just three years ago the elegant nostrils of the voguish detected the smell of death about London Fashion Week. But three years in fashion is the equivalent of a thousand in history — long enough for a city to move from decadence to barbarism and then enjoy a renaissance. The number of buyers clustered round London catwalks has been on a steep upward incline for the past two seasons. Designers from abroad, most notably New York's Donna Karan and Tommy Hilfiger, are showing in London this week, anxious to associate themselves with the Britchic buzz.

Whether partnerships such as Copperwheat Blundell and Clements Ribeiro, or individuals such as Antonio Berardi and Alexander McQueen, have made London matter. Like literary Paris in the Thirties, or artistic Soho in the Fifties, London is seen by the fashion world as a nursery for genius.

Britain is the natural home of the idiosyncratic. When fashion's face became blander in the Eighties, Britain, as so often before, stood out alone. Vivienne Westwood, like Margaret Thatcher, helped to save individualism in Britain by her exertions and in Europe by her example.

Now, in the Nineties, a reaction against corporate conformity has made the quixotic more commercial than the commercial. That has helped British fashion, which has always been more street than élite. It takes its influences from the bottom up, sometimes literally in the case of instant classics such as Alexander McQueen's "bumsters" which create a cleavage closer to the building-site than the boudoir.

But the sassiness on show on the *passarella* also reflects a broader British pop-cultural self-confidence. A distinctive attitude, heard in the accessible but subversive lyrics of new British bands, apparent in the ironic installations of young conceptual artists and even informing the cooking in London's new-wave restaurants is audible, visible, even edible evidence of a country

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## German role in modern Europe

*From Mr David Powis*

Sir, The revelation by George Urban (September 23) that Lady Thatcher's views on Germany and the Germans were "not all that different from the Alf Garnett version of history" is shocking, but perhaps not altogether surprising.

Throughout this century, Britain has suffered from political leaders with no real feel for European ideas or culture. Has any British Premier spent an extended period of time, in a non-political role, in another European country, or taken the trouble to master another European language?

It is accepted as normal that British politicians, from Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary downwards, will visit Germany and address their audiences in English, just as it is equally accepted that most German statesmen on visits to the UK will address us in English. Why do we persist in this arrogant attitude to our continental neighbours, most of whom are economically more successful that we are?

If British political leaders had been better travelled, more deeply cultured, less chauvinistic and better linguists, the history of the 20th century might have been very different.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID POWIS,
The Corner House,
Inkberrow, Hereford and Worcester.
September 23.

*From Mr John Lyons*

Sir, In your editorial of September 23 you state that Lady Thatcher's "anxieties about German domination have been in many respects vindicated by Chancellor Kohl's drive for monetary and political union".

That sentiment, I have found, lies at the heart of the view of many of the Euro-sceptic (in reality Europhobe) Tory Right. But, as your own words demonstrate, it is based on a fallacy and is a contradiction in terms. If Germany wanted to dominate Europe it would try to break up the EU not seek to turn it into an effective trans-national organisation in which its own economic and political power is irrevocably subsumed.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN LYONS,
305 Salmon Street, Kingsbury, NW9.
September 24.

*From Mr M. Fooks*

Sir, Mr Urban says (September 23) with regard to institutional guarantees in Germany: "These could not be easily circumvented by a future extremist party or a dictator". How naive. This sort of thing was no obstacle to Hitler and would be no obstacle to a Hitler Mark II. The fact that opinions are shared with Alf Garnett does not invalidate them.

Yours faithfully,
M. FOOKS,
24 Bloomsbury Square, WC1.
September 24.

*From Mr Patrick Hassett*

Sir, George Urban refers today to Margaret Thatcher's "rather old-fashioned" nationalism.

Old-fashioned? Much blood is currently being shed around the world in the name of nationalism; I doubt Mr Urban would win many converts to his view among the nationalists in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.

Surely nationalism was behind the German desire for the unification of their country.

Yours,
PATRICK HASSETT,
2 Kensington Close,
Haglands Lane, West Chiltington,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
September 23.

*From Mr Paul Richards*

Sir, I read with interest today George Urban's opinion that Margaret Thatcher "lost faith in Major in only 22 days". What took her so long?

I remain, Sir, etc,
PAUL RICHARDS
(Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Billericay),
109 Hammersmith Bridge Road, W6.
September 24.

## Clarke and currency

*From Mr Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North* (*Conservative*)

Sir, It is now inconceivable that any foreseeable Conservative government would seek to join a European single currency.

It is also impossible for the Conservative Party to win the election unless opposition to Britain's participation becomes the confident and declared policy of the party.

It is evident that the Chancellor is more committed to a federal Europe than he is to Conservative government. He should go.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MARLOW,
House of Commons.
September 25.

*From Mr Don Weedon*

Sir, The European single currency should get off to a good start on its launching day, January 1, 1999, which is (a) a Friday and (b) a Bank Holiday.

Yours faithfully,
DON WEEDON,
16 Winsford Gardens,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

## Lessons from Maxwell trial for Serious Fraud Office

*From Mr Anthony McStravick*

Sir, Your leading article of September 20, "Serious farce", highlights once again the continuing misfortunes of the Serious Fraud Office (letters, September 21).

Unfortunately, I fear that whatever body, if not the SFO, had prosecuted in most of the big fraud trials that have occurred in recent years would have had similar criticisms levelled at it. Despite the 1986 recommendations of Lord Roskill's fraud trials committee, most of which were rejected by the House of Commons, we are in no better shape now, and maybe worse, than we were then.

As a former Metropolitan Police detective chief superintendent I had first-hand experience of the SFO from its inception and worked with the directors, John Wood, Barbara Mills and the present incumbent, George Staple. Apart from the complexity of many cases during that period the main hurdle facing them and the case controllers was that raised in your article — the problem of the responsibility for investigation and prosecution lying in the same hands. Despite valiant attempts, and some verbal gymnastics, difficulties and conflict were ever present, mainly for the lawyers.

The role of investigation should surely be returned to the police. Some of the SFO budget could then be applied to enlisting the assistance of lawyers and accountants, much as under the fraud investigation group, and the police should be allowed the same Section 2 powers as the lawyers and accountants, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

Yours sincerely,
TONY McSTRAVICK
(Senior Consultant),
Control Risks Group Ltd,
83 Victoria Street, SW1.
September 23.

*From Mr Keith E. Oliver*

Sir, Reaction in some of the media to the decision of Mr Justice Buckley to stay further criminal proceedings against Kevin Maxwell has been depressingly familiar to those concerned with his defence.

The jury trial of what the prosecution considered to be the most serious alleged criminality, namely conspiracy to defraud the Maxwell pensioners, lasted 131 court days. There had earlier been over 60 days of preliminary hearings.

Over 70 witnesses were called. Kevin Maxwell himself gave evidence for over 20 days. In summing up, Lord Justice Phillips said of Mr Maxwell:

> I doubt if there have ever been many criminal cases where the jury have had a better opportunity to study the demeanour of a witness.

After one of the longest jury retirements on record (seven days of deliberation), the defendants were unanimously acquitted. The following morning, the Attorney-General saw fit to announce, on national radio, that the Government was now looking at the use of juries in serious fraud cases.

A fair system of criminal justice must be judged according to whether or not individuals accused of serious crime can be tried within a reasonable time and have the opportunity properly to defend themselves. Merely because the jury concludes that a defendant did not act dishonestly does not in any way represent a "failure", "fiasco" or "farce" as the Maxwell case has variously been described in some of the recent headlines; neither does it represent a failure for the Serious Fraud Office, who all too frequently appear to be judged according to criteria more appropriate to a sporting enterprise than to a properly resourced investigative and prosecuting authority. As Mr Justice Buckley put it:

> I am suggesting that if all parties played their part and the essential criminality alleged has been placed before a jury who have acquitted, it should be unusual for a second trial to take place. The reason is that it would be very likely to appear to the public that the authorities were not prepared to accept the verdict of a jury and were prepared to pursue the defendant at whatever cost to the public purse, court time or disruption to the defendant's personal life, business or professional career. That must not happen.

Widespread criticism of the jury system is insulting to the 12 jurors who so manifestly discharged their duty to try the defendants according to the evidence. Many of the 70-plus written questions the jury asked during the course of the trial demonstrated, to all of those present, a keen understanding of the issues that lay at the heart of the case.

Lord Justice Phillips and Mr Justice Buckley have ensured that common sense and fairness remain at the heart of our criminal justice system. For that, they deserve our gratitude.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH E. OLIVER,
Peters & Peters
(Solicitors to Kevin Maxwell),
2 Harewood Place,
Hanover Square, W1.
September 23.

*From Mr Edward Freeman*

Sir, If, as Mr Jonathan Goldberg says (letter, September 21), the real issue at the heart of a fraud is often "relatively simple", the onus must be on counsel to elucidate the matter convincingly before a jury.

To suggest that the inclusion of experts, such as accountants, stockbrokers or bankers, amongst jurors would present "no real danger of their attaching too much weight to [the expert's] views" is either naive or wishful thinking: we all know how laymen defer to "expert" advice, even if there are clearly good and bad experts. And, if expert jurors were introduced in cases of serious fraud, why stop there? Either the jury system works or it doesn't: tampering with it is likely to produce more problems than it solves.

However, clearly not all barristers are able to unravel complex and technical issues effectively in court. In which case, why not allow jurors more direct access to expert witnesses themselves, just like the ones Mr Goldberg uses himself?

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD FREEMAN,
The Gables, South Strand,
East Preston, West Sussex.
September 22.

*From Mr Raymond Durrant*

Sir, Would there have been calls for changes in the way fraud trials are conducted, had the Maxwell brothers been convicted?

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT,
195 Marshalswick Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
September 24.

## Conscious machines

*From the Reverend Anthony Freeman*

Sir, Igor Aleksander (letter, September 21) is working to develop a conscious machine which will benefit medical research. To be of use, he says, such machines must be constructed in a way that allows them to build up a real sense of "identity". They will then make possible "experiments which could not be done on living creatures". This raises a moral question.

The limits set on acceptable experiments on humans (and to an increasing extent other animals also) are governed by the principle that, as conscious agents with their own identity and point of view, they have a right to be respected for themselves. They should not simply be used as means to an end, however beneficial.

By his own reckoning, *unless* the artificial consciousness created by Professor Aleksander has its own sense of identity it will not be similar enough to humans to be of use in medical research.

But if it *does* have its own sense of identity, should it not be subject to the same safeguards as other conscious agents? In which case the experiments he has in mind would be morally unacceptable.

Paradoxically, if a conscious machine is achieved, it will *ipso facto* have lost the very useful characteristic of being a mere tool.

Yours sincerely,
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(Managing Editor),
*Journal of Consciousness Studies*,
Imprint Academic, PO Box 1,
Thorverton, Exeter, EX5 5YX.
September 22.

*From Mr David Cathcart*

Sir, *Pace* Matthew Parris (article, September 16) and Professor Aleksander, there *is* a way in which we know that other people are conscious. It is not a proof but it is wholly convincing. It is when we love them.

We shall know that a machine is conscious if we come to love it.

Yours etc,
DAVID CATHCART,
Little Bartletts,
Milverton, Taunton, Somerset.
September 21.

## It's a baby

*From Mrs Barbara Leech*

Sir, Your birth announcements reveal complex sociological changes.

They used to be perfunctory, even austere: "DENMARK — To Hamlet and Gertrude a son, Hamlet." Nowadays, second (or even third) batches of issue, unmarried parents and mothers retaining their maiden names sensibly require more complexity: "A brother to Giles, half-brother to Wilfred", or, in case the new arrival should slip by unnoticed, "For DALRYMPLE, see BLOGGS" etc.

Such modifications are useful and necessary. It is harder to reconcile the raspberry-hued newborn wrinklies we used to love with the arrivals of "a handsome son", "a beautiful daughter", "enchanting twins" and of one who appears to have entered the world "smiling".

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA LEECH,
86 Waterloo Road, Penylan, Cardiff.
September 20.

## Fair shares

*From Mr John Berrett*

Sir, While it is proper that Mr John English in his letter today should applaud the appointment of two Deputy Chairmen by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, it does not excuse the fact that there is only one commission.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BERRETT,
Spring Cottage, Stoke Prior,
Leominster, Hereford and Worcester.
September 24.

**Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number —**

## Suitable treatment

*From Mr J. J. M. Black*

Sir, I feel it is quite wrong to give so much attention today in your report, "Smartest patients get the best care", and leading article to what you acknowledge is anecdotal evidence.

It is offensive to imply that NHS accident and emergency staff will more rapidly treat affluent trauma victims and, likewise, to infer that medical staff are more likely to suspect child abuse in patients from socially deprived backgrounds.

All trauma victims are assessed and treated according to well-defined protocols that rapidly define clinical priority.

Dr Hammond's anecdotal observations make for great theatre but poorly represent current standards of medical practice within NHS accident and emergency departments.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN J. M. BLACK
(Senior Registrar),
A and E Department,
John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.
September 23.

*From Mr Peter Wade*

Sir, Your report suggests that if you look like "a potential litigant, or a friend of the consultant" you get the best medical treatment.

I don't believe a word of it but I have ordered a badge saying "Some of my best friends are consultants" and carry a rolled up copy of *The Lawyer* under my arm.

I am hoping it will do the trick.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WADE,
70 Heath Road,
Lexden, Colchester, Essex.
September 24.

## No easy answers

*From Mr Richard Ward*

Sir, Mrs Anne Baring writes about the fascination with the paranormal (letter, September 21; see also letter, September 18) as if it cannot be understood by the scientific community. But surely scientists have a fascination with the "mysteries of life" that is at least as deep as anyone else's.

The contempt science has for so much of the "paranormal" stems from the way believers often use no consistent set of investigative criteria which would allow their claims to be checked and confirmed. They play fast and loose with scientific method when they haven't rejected it outright, moving the goalposts at will, and never renounce their beliefs in the light of new, or the persistence of weak, evidence. They then expect their claims to be taken seriously as hidden knowledge of the unrecognised universe.

If this stance is not "arrogant and repellant, not to say immature" — one of Mrs Baring's jibes against science — then I don't know what is.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WARD,
134 Courthill Road, SE13.
September 23.

## High life

*From the Editor of* The New Yorker

Sir, Has Magnus Linklater lost his marbles? In his jaunty featurette, "Joining the jet set", today he sticks a quote in my mouth that has me complaining to my husband that I am sick and tired of being the only person at "smart" New York dinner parties who has to travel on dull old Concorde. This is totally fabricated. What's next — that I jet in caviare to feed my cat?

Yours sincerely,
TINA BROWN,
Editor, *The New Yorker*,
20 West 43rd Street,
New York, NY 10036-7441.
September 25.

## Road to fame

*From Mr Michael H. Liddell*

Sir, Oklahoma is a mere drop in the ocean (letters, September 19 and 25). Surely the biggest (and, presumably, the best) title role for Elaine Paige is that of *South Pacific*.

Yours faithfully,
M. LIDDELL,
39 Distons Lane,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire,
September 25.

## Name game

*From Dr John F. Grimshaw*

Sir, Can the words of a traditional song possibly explain why Colin Dexter's engaging hero has been so unlucky in love? "One is one and all alone, *Endeavour Morse* shall be so"?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GRIMSHAW,
37 Leylands, Viewfield Road, SW18

# COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 25: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KT, at the Memorial Service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, Bt, KT, which was held in St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, today.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir Thomas Dunne.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 25: The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, today attended the National Olympic Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception for the Hospital for Tropical Diseases at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
*September 25: Queen Elizabeth* The Queen Mother was represented by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres at the Memorial Service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, Bt, KT, which was held in St George's Church, Hanover Square, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today attended the Memorial Service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, Bt, KT, which was held in St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Guide Assocation, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 25: The Duchess of Gloucester, this morning visited Katsouris Fresh Food Limited, Wembley, Middlesex.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 25: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy today attended the Memorial Service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, Bt, KT, which was held in St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1.

## Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a meeting of the advisory group, 16 Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3, at 11.00; as Patron, Victim Support, will open the Prisoners' Art Exhibition for the Koestler Trust at Whiteleys Exhibition and Shopping Centre, Bayswater, at 2.00; and as Patron, National Autistic Society, will visit a supported employment scheme at The Boots Company, Nightingale House, 65 Curzon Street, W1, at 3.15. Later, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a private appeal committee meeting and dinner at Buckingham Palace at 5.00.

Princess Margaret, Honorary Air Commodore, will visit RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire, at 11.45.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Peterborough Cathedral Development and Preservation Trust, will be present at the launch of the trust at Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, at 10.50.

## H.P. Jacob

A service of thanksgiving for the life of H.P. Jacob (Jake), former Second Master and temporary Headmaster of Cranleigh School, will be held in the school Chapel, on Tuesday, October 8, at 7.30pm.

## Receptions

**Northamptonshire Lieutenancy**
The Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and the Deputy-Lieutenants attended a reception last night at Cottesbrooke Hall, Cottesbrooke, by courtesy of Captain and Mrs John Macdonald-Buchanan, to mark the recent retirement of Mr Jeffrey Greenwell, clerk of the lieutenancy since 1976.

**To Mr Derek Prag**
At a reception at the Belgian Embassy on Wednesday, September 25, the Belgian Ambassador, Jonkheer Prosper Thuysbaert, on behalf of the King of Belgium, bestowed on Mr Derek Prag, MEP for Hertfordshire 1979-1994, the decoration of Commander in the Order of Leopold II.

## School news

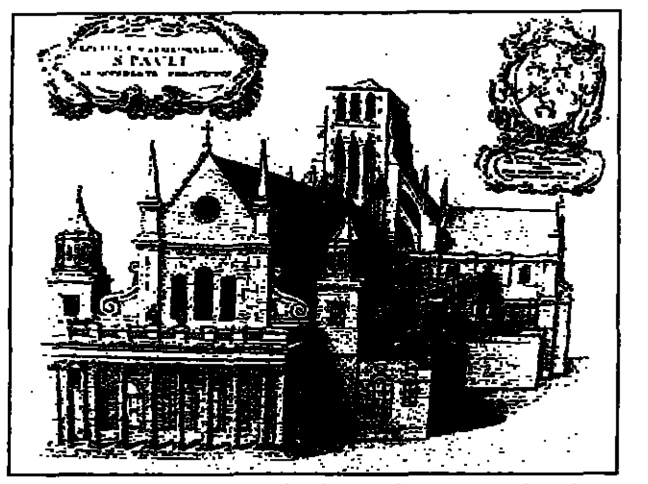
**The Froebel School, Ibstock Place, Roehampton**
A commemorative plaque is being dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1996, to those Froebelians who lost their lives in the Second World War. Relatives of those who died, and their fellow pupils are warmly invited to attend the school for the ceremony. Details from Sarah Fisher at Ibstock Place, 0181 876 9991.

# Luncheons

**Lloyd's Register**
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter Levene and Colonel Mark Carnegie-Brown, was the guest of honour at a luncheon yesterday at a luncheon held at Trinity House and given by Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, Dr Timothy Jones, chief executive, senior staff of the board and Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board. Among others present were:

The Ambassadors of Japan and Indonesia, Lord Sterling of Plaistow, Baroness Strange, Dr Mary Archer, Sir Peter Cazalet, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief Eastern Atlantic and Deputy Commander Allied Naval Forces NW Europe, Miss June Mendoza, the Chief Executive, Lloyds' of London, the Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, the Master of the Master Mariners' Company, the Secretary General of The Missions to Seamen, the President of the Institute of Marine Engineers, the Chairman of National Power, the Permanent Secretary of the International Association of Classification Societies, the Chairman of The Seatrade Organisation, the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr Brian Orrell, Mr David Croom-Johnson, Mr Malcolm Nightingale, Mr Tom G King, Dr Tony Denton, Mr Jim Jamieson, Mr Thomas T Anderson, Dr John Parker, Mr John Mitchell, Mr Roland Gribben (*The Daily Telegraph*), the Editor of *Management Today*, Mr John Blythe, Mr John Carras, Mr David Moorhouse, the President of Aldgate Ward Club and the National Director of Young Engineers' Clubs.

**Carlton Club Political Committee**
Mr John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the committee, presided and Mr Lewis Moss also spoke.



An engraving of St Paul's dating from 1658, showing the old cathedral with its portico by Inigo Jones

ADRIAN BROOKS

John Schofield of the Museum of London holding one of the 77 stones that have been uncovered

## Portico of old St Paul's is put in a new light

FRAGMENTS of the spectacular Inigo Jones portico of the old St Paul's Cathedral were on show yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes). The 77 carved stones will make possible an accurate reconstruction of the portico, which stood at the west end of the cathedral until the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Engravings of the portico exist, but its measurements have not been known until now. The curvatures in the fragments will mean archaeologists can calculate the precise diameter of Jones's columns and thus work out the height.

Jones was Britain's first Renaissance architect and greatly influenced Wren, who rebuilt the cathedral after the fire. Architects have long suspected that Wren based the dimension of the Corinthian columns for his own west front on those of Jones, possibly as a personal tribute. The fragments prove that this was the case.

# Memorial service

**Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, KT,**
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KT, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres at a memorial service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, KT, held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir Thomas Dunne and Prince Edward by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy attended.

Prebendary William Atkins, officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Allan Maclean, Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban. Major-General Jeremy Phipps, stepson, and Mr James Maclean, son, read the lessons. Earl Jellicoe read from Sir Fitzroy's *Eastern Approaches* and Sir Alexander Glen from the works of John Donne. Lady Soames gave an address.

The King of Nepal was represented by Mr Surya Prasad Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, attended. Among others present were:

Veronica Lady Maclean of Dunconnel (widow), Sir Charles and Lady Maclean of Dunconnel (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs James Maclean (daughter-in-law), Mrs Jeremy Phipps (stepdaughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Nicolas Paravicini (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Mrs A Harley, Mr Caspar de la Mare, Mrs Harry Boothby, Miss Jemma Phipps and Mr Jake Phipps (step-grandchildren).

The French Ambassador, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation and Mrs Molchanova, the Ambassador of Macedonia and Mrs Nikovska, the Ambassador of Croatia and Mrs Cičin-Šain, the Ambassador of Slovenia and Mrs Sinkovec, the Yugoslav Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs Bogojevic.

The Duchess of Buccleuch, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, Elizabeth Duchess of Northumberland, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Marquess of Lothian, Countess Jellicoe, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Scarborough, the Countess of Cranbrook, the Countess of Sutherland, the Countess of Avon, the Countess of Arran, Fiona Countess of Arran, Countess Peel, the Earl and Countess of Dalkeith, the Countess of Eldon.

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# Marriages

**Dr N.M. Groom and Dr I.M.H. Bryden**
The marriage took place on September 14, at the Church of St Andrew, South Tawton, Devon, of Dr Nicholas Michael Groom, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Groom, of Rushden, Northamptonshire, to Dr Inga Marie Hadley Bryden, daughter of Mr Andrew Bryden and the late Mrs Doreen Bryden, of Yatton, North Somerset. The Rev Barry Wood officiated, assisted by the Rev Father Michael Suarez, SJ.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Polly Andrews and Abigail Tinkler. Mr Jonathan Groom was best man.

A reception was held at South Zeal, and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

**Mr F.S. MacLeod Matthews and Miss V.A. Jones**
The marriage took place on September 21, 1996, at St Michael's Church, Chenies, of Mr Francis Spencer MacLeod Matthews, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Alistair MacLeod Matthews, of Chenies, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Vanessa Anne Jones, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Jones, of Cheltenham. The Rev Alan Baines officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jasmine Coe. Mr Stephen Barton was best man.

A reception was held at the Manor House, Chenies.

**Mr A.M. Panepinto and Miss T.L. Coates**
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, 1996, at St Christopher's Church, Luton, Bedfordshire, of Mr Angelo Panepinto, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Guisseppe Panepinto, to Miss Tanya Coates, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ricky Coates.

The bride was attended by Miss Hayley Coates. Mr James Eddy was best man.

The reception was held at the Strathmore Hotel, Luton, and the honeymoon was spent in Barbados.

## Dinner

**Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators**
Mr Robert Martin, Chairman of the London branch of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, was the host at the annual meeting and dinner held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr George Churchill-Coleman was the principal guest and speaker.

## Birthdays today

Miss Lucette Aldous, ballerina, 58; Mrs Julia Allison, general secretary, Royal College of Midwives, 57; Mrs Margaret Bryan, diplomat, 67; Lady (Hugh) Casson, architect and designer, 83; Mr Ian Chappell, cricketer, 53; Mr Neil Coles, golfer, 62; Mr Peter Dews, theatre and television director, 67; Mr Bryan Ferry, rock singer, 51; Sir Alan Glyn, former MP, 78; Lord Griffiths, 73.

Air Commodore Joy Harris, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 70; Sir James Hennessy, diplomat, 73; Professor Louise Johnson, biophysicist, 56; Mr Robert Jones, MP, 46; Mr P.T. Lewis, former chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 67; Mr Elfyn Llwyd, MP, 45; Sir Ronald McIntosh, former chairman, APV, 77; the Rev Dr Ernest Nicholson, Provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 58; Mr G.W. Pusack, former chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 76; Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, 80; Miss Margaret Thomas, painter, 80; Mr V.H. Watson, former chairman, John Waddington, 68.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D. Brousse and Miss M. Brooks**
The engagement is announced between Damian, only son of Mr and Mrs Rainier Brousse, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Melissa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Brooks, of Monks Eleigh, Suffolk.

**Mr H.R.S. Gleave and Miss N.H. Brown**
The engagement is announced between Humphry, son of Mr and Mrs J. Gleave, of Great Shelford, Cambridge, and Nicola, daughter of Mr Michael Brown and the late Mrs Joan Brown, of Cambridge.

**Mr M.D. Hardy and Miss A.H. Grundy**
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr Peter Hardy, of Bournemouth, and Mrs Margaret Hardy, of Milford-on-Sea, and Alicia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Grundy, of Lymington, Hampshire.

**Mr M.R. Ludlow and Mrs S.M. Pratt**
The engagement is announced between Michael Ludlow, widower of Diane Ludlow and only son of the late Sir Richard and Lady Ludlow, and Sheila Pratt, widow of Russell Pratt and daughter of the late Mr Maurice Holmes and of Mrs Ivy Holmes.

**Mr J.H. Mallet and Miss J.J. Isaacs**
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Louis Mallet, of Colemans Hatch, East Sussex, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Isaacs, of Eashing, Surrey.

**Lieutenant P.J.L. Myres, RN, and Miss E.V.M. Sewell**
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Rear Admiral and Mrs John Myres, of Kennington, Oxford, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Sewell, of Chelsea, London.

**Mr T.J.C. Steele and Miss S.J. Pardey**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Major General and Mrs Michael Steele, of Redhill, Surrey, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pardey, of Crowborough, East Sussex.

**Mr S.J. Williams and Miss J.M. Corn**
The engagement is announced between Stuart, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Williams, of Winsley, Wiltshire, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Corn, of Milwich, Staffordshire.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ivan Pavlov, physiologist, Ryazan, Russia, 1849; Sir Barnes Wallis, engineer, Ripley, Derbyshire, 1887; T.S. Eliot, poet, dramatist and critic, Nobel laureate 1948, St Louis, Missouri, 1888; Giovanni Battista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Concessio, Italy, 1897; George Gershwin, composer, New York, 1898.

DEATHS: James Keir Hardie, founder of the Independent Labour Party, Glasgow, 1915; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1917; Bessie Smith, the "empress of the blues", 1937; W.H. Davies, poet, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, 1940; Bela Bartok, composer, New York, 1945; Solomon Bandaranaike, Prime Minister of Ceylon 1956-59, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin on September 25, Colombo, 1959; Peter Dawson, baritone, Sydney, New South Wales, 1961.

New Zealand became a dominion, 1907.

Queen Mary launched *The Queen Mary*, Clydebank, 1934.

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## BIRTHS

**ASHTON-JOHNSON** - On September 13th 1996, to Claire (née Bingley) and Philip, a son, Edward Chelmnagha ten Bos.

**BELL** - On September 22nd, to Rebecca (née Roach) and Robert, a daughter, Helena Rose Elizabeth, a sister for Sophia and James.

**CHANDLER** - On 18th September, to Henry and Samantha, a daughter, Saskia Frances, 6lb 13½ oz, to join Humphrey and Hermes!

**COATES** - On September 25th 1996, at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, to Madeleine (née Nicholson) and John, a son, James Edward. Grandson to Ann and Alan.

**DUNNE** - On 25th September, to Lorraine (née Hickey) and Shaun, a daughter, Petronella Violet Anne, a sister to Anastasia, Ashley and Sarah.

**FARR** - On 24th September, to Sophy (née Morgan-Jones) and Charles, a son, Hordern David Michael.

**GUNN** - On September 17th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Sarah (née Jones) and James, a son, Hugh Edward James, a brother for Georgina.

**ILLINGWORTH** - On 16th September 1996, at Princess Royal Haywards Heath, to Fiona (née Short) and Robin, a Son, Marcus Sanford, a brother for Toby.

**INGLESSIS** - On September 20th, to Margaret (née Martin) and Rick, a beautiful son, Michalis Phokion. Our deepest gratitude to all at Queen Charlotte's.

**LONG** - On 22nd September, at Carlisle, to Margaret (née Read) and Simon, a son, John Campbell.

**NAKAI** - On 22nd September, at The Portland Hospital, to Asami and Katsunori, a pretty daughter, Kino Claire.

**PATRICK** - On September 24th 1996 at The Lindo Wing, to Rosanna and Jonathan, a son, Sebastian John.

**REES** - On 23rd September, to Gill (née Miller) and David, a baby son, George.

**SIMMONS** - On September 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Joanna (née Benson) and Oliver, a beautiful son, Samuel.

## BIRTHS

**VIRANI** - On September 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Rashmi and Viral, a beautiful daughter.

**WARD** - On 20th September, to Marianne (née Fallot) and Michael, a wonderful son, Henry William Peter.

**WILLMAN** - On September 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Rosemary and Kenneth, Sinclair Louise, a sister for Frazier and Cameron.

## DEATHS

**BARNETT** - Gillian Mary, aged 62 on September 23rd, suddenly and peacefully. Dearly loved mother of Michael and Shamba, daughter of the Rev. Rupert and the late Dr. Kathleen Bliss. Teacher and irreplacable friend to so many. Private funeral 1st October, Golders Green Crematorium. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations in lieu of flowers to Oxfam or Amnesty International c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3. Tel: (0171) 586 4221.

**BISHOP** - Gladys Mary (Tid). Peacefully at Fieldhouse Nursing Home Southwell, Notts. Formerly Resident in New Malden, Surrey, Sevenoaks and Chislehurst Kent and Freeland Oxfordshire. Cremation being attended by family members only at Bramcote, Notts, on 2nd October. No flowers by request but donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society would be welcome and should be sent c/o C.D. Allcock, 38 Main Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

**BISHOP** - Florence Matila, in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in the morning of 19th September 1996 aged 94. Funeral Service on 4th October at 11.30am at Christ Church, Chelsea SW3. Afterwards at St. Wilfrid's Convent Conference Room, The Street, SW3. Flowers, if desired, to Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL.

## DEATHS

**CHAPMAN** - Hubert Gerald White (Peter) of Brundall in Norfolk on 24th September 1996 aged 94 years. Devoted husband of the late Kathleen, much loved father of Gillian and Robin, dear grandfather of Harry and Jonathan and friend to many. Enquiries to Peter Taylor Funeral Services. (01603) 760787.

**CHAPNELL** - On September 18th, Margaret Freda of Lavenham Suffolk late of Streatham. Funeral service at St. Leonard's Church Streatham, London, on Tuesday October 1st at 12.45pm. All enquiries to W.A. Deacon Funeral Services, High Street, Lavenham, Suffolk. (01787) 247389

**DAVIDSON** - On September 19th whilst on holiday in Germany, Stuart Davidson M.A., T.D., aged 86 years, of Grindleford, Derbyshire. Beloved husband of the late Frances. Dear father of John, Anne, Paul and Nick, and a loving grandfather. A Memorial Service will be held at Hassop Church. Enquiries to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield. Tel: (0114) 272 2222.

**DEMPSTER** - On September 22nd 1996, Fergus OBE, DSC, Kt. of the Belgian Order of the Crown. Most loved father of Honey and Miles and grandfather of Alec and Marina, aged 81, peacefully at home after a year of illness. Requiem Mass on Friday October 4th at 11am at St. Mary's Cricklade, followed by cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if wished in his memory to CARE International UK Freepost 36 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7BR.

**DOWLING** - On September 23rd 1996, Denis Valentine, beloved husband of Phyllis. Funeral Service at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, Finchley N2 on Tuesday October 1st at 2pm. Family flowers only please.

**HALL** - George (S.J.) Dearly loved husband of Judy and much loved father of Nick, Toby, James and Simon. Grandfather of Hugh, Katie, Lucy, Francesca, Sophie and Declan. Funeral Service at St. Mary's The Virgin, Stratfield Saye in Wellington Park on Monday 7th October at 2 pm. Flowers welcome.

**KING** - Geoffrey Marten, peacefully at Milford House, Salisbury, aged 94 years. Solicitor and Clerk to the Justices at Stourbridge and Brierley Hill for 30 years, sometime President of Birmingham Law Society. Funeral Service at St. Osmund's Church, Exeter Street, Salisbury on Monday 30th September, 1996 at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Norfolk Wildlife Trust, c/o I.N. Newman Ltd, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

**LE HARDY** - Wing Commander A.W.G. Le Hardy OBE RAF (Retired) suddenly but peacefully in Bruxelles on 22nd September 1996, aged 73, after a short illness. Beloved father, husband, pilot, diplomat and NATO civil servant. Funeral at the Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral, 29 Rue Capitaine Crespel, 1050 Bruxelles at 1200 hours Monday 30th September and afterwards at 4 Avenue St Jean, 1150 Bruxelles. Flowers welcome direct to the church on the day or donations to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Nurses Fund.

**MANN** - Trevor Philip MD. FRCP. On 24th September 1996. Beloved husband of Joy, loving father of Michael, Nicholas, Philip and Rosamond and grandfather of seven. Funeral Service at St. Margaret's Church, Rottingdean on Thursday 3rd October at 2.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, if desired donations for The Rocking Horse Appeal, may be sent c/o Christopher Stringer Funeral Services, 67, High Street, Rottingdean, East Sussex, BN2 7HE. Tel: (01273) 306000.

**MARTIN-TOMSON** - On Tuesday, 24th September, peacefully at The Dower House, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester, Delphine Augustin (née Toby) of Broadstairs, Kent, beloved American-born widow of William John ("Billie"), Brewer, R.F.C., to whom married for over 50 years, mother of David and Lela, grandmother to Toby, John and Christina. Funeral Service at Headbourne Worthy Church at 3.00pm, Thursday, 3rd October. Family flowers only at her request, to Jno. Steel, Chesil House, Chesil Street, Winchester, SO23 OHU.

**MEW** - Barbara Alice, on September 21st after a short illness. Widow of Robert Alexander, mother of Christopher, Nicholas and Richard and much loved grandmother. Funeral service at St. Mary's Hook with Warsash Church on Monday September 30th at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Portchester. Flowers or donations to Hook with Warsash P.C.C. c/o A.H. Freemantle, 46 South Street, Titchfield PO14 4DY

**MORRIS** - On 24th September 1996, peacefully in hospital, Gladys of Lewes aged 90 years. Cremation service to take place at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton on Wednesday 2nd October at 2.45pm. Flowers or donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex BN7 2DD. Tel.(01273) 475557

**MURRAY** - On September 23rd, peacefully in hospital, Douglas George Faulkner. Beloved husband of Pat and much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation by his request. Flowers welcome at home.

**NIXON** - Margaret "Joan" of Zermatt and Poole, passed on peacefully at Larkland House Nursing Home, Ascot, on Saturday 21st September, aged 90, surrounded by love. Celebration of her life will be at the Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell, on Wednesday 2nd October at 11am. Donations to Oxfam in place of flowers may be made through Lines Bannister, 69 High Street, Ascot, Berks. Tel: (01344) 20266

**OTTO** - Chloe, on 22nd September peacefully at home. The funeral service takes place at Burford Parish Church, Oxfordshire, Wednesday 2nd October at 11.30 am followed by family burial at St. Peter and St. Paul Churchstanton, Somerset 5 pm. Donations to Burford Parish Church.

**OWEN** - Glyn Owen OBE, of Radyr died peacefully at home aged 70 years on September 23rd 1996. He remains greatly loved by his wife Diana, daughter Susan, son Peter, his little grandsons Daniel and Thomas and by his entire family. Funeral Service at Tabernacl Chapel, The Hayes, Cardiff on Tuesday October 1st at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if so desired in memory of Glyn to the Alzheimer's Disease Society Resource Centre, Heol Don, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 2XG.

**ROMER-LEE** - Peacefully at home on 25th September 1996, Knyvett, beloved father of Robin, Carol, James and Alexander. Funeral Private. No flowers.

**TURNER** - Dorothy Mabel, aged 96 years, sometime Lecturer in Plant Pathology at the University of Leeds until retirement to Colwall near Malvern in 1960. Funeral at St. James Church, Colwall 12.30pm, Tuesday October 1st followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to RSPCA c/o Hawcutts Funeral Director, 133 The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1BP.

**WALES** - Sibyl, formerly of Broadstone, Dorset, Aged 90, passed away peacefully on 23rd September at Alexander Hall, Bath. Devoted wife of the late Frank Wales, beloved mother of Richard, John and Charles, dearest twin of Mildred and sister of Stanley and Mary. Much loved grandmother. Funeral service to be held at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath on Friday 27th September at 1.30pm. Garden flowers from the family only, but donations may be sent if desired to Help the Aged.

**WATSHAM** - Jack, on September 21st peacefully at home, aged 74. Beloved husband of Rosalind, father of Robert and stepfather to Juliette and Markus, devoted grandfather to Louise and Patrick, and Benjamin. Funeral at 2.30pm on September 30th at St. John the Baptist Church, Westfield. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Dengate & Son, 233 London Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, E. Sussex.

**WHYTE** - On 23rd September, Fred, aged 65, died suddenly in Edinburgh during a celebration with Industry colleagues and Associates to mark his retirement from a long and illustrious career with EPS Moulders. He left us as he would have wished surrounded by his family and many friends and our deepest sympathies go to Eileen, Ian, Alan and Carole and to his much loved grandchildren. Funeral details William Purves Tel: (0131) 447 5858. Family flowers only please.

**WYKEHAM** - Little Sister Mary of Jesus. Much loved by her family, community and friends. Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney on Tuesday 24th September. Requiem Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, London W6 at 1.30 p.m. Tuesday 1st October.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

**RAFTERY** - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Raftery CVO MBE who died on 10th June in Botswana will be held at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, London WC2, on Thursday 7th November at 12 noon. Enquiries to Alison Raftery (0171) 791 1057

**STURT** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anthony Napier Sturt will be held at The Parish Church of Cirencester at 2.30pm on Saturday 5th October.

## IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

**ASHLEY** - Maurice Ashley CBE. 26th September 1994. Remembered with love every day. Pat.

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# OBITUARIES

## COLIN HODGKINSON

**Colin "Hoppy" Hodgkinson, wartime legless fighter pilot, died at his home in the Dordogne on September 13 aged 76. He was born at Wells, Somerset, on February 11, 1920.**

Less well known than his celebrated RAF compeer, the legless fighter ace Douglas Bader, Colin Hodgkinson actually began his flying career in the Fleet Air Arm, and only subsequently switched to the RAF. Bader's story had in fact been his inspiration after he lost both his legs in a flying accident while training with the Fleet Air Arm in 1939.

Struggling in hospital to recover from his horrific injuries which included severe burns, Hodgkinson was greatly heartened by the knowledge that the older man had triumphed over the loss of his own legs to establish himself as a combat pilot.

"If he can do it, so can I," was the reaction of this always rugged personality. Filled with a desire to fly Spitfires, he soon wangled his way out of the Navy. Shortly afterwards he was accepted for flying training by the RAF and by the middle of 1942 was a fully fledged fighter pilot.

By that time Bader, who had been brought down over northern France when a German fighter collided with his Spitfire, was a prisoner of war. Though his legless successor had fewer opportunities to build up such a tally of kills (since by then it was the RAF which was on the offensive, and the fighters of the Third Reich who had the opportunity to wreak havoc among the raiders), he soon made himself a reputation, especially with No 611 Squadron in the famous Biggin Hill Wing.

His shooting, originally learnt against feathered flying targets on his father's Somerset estate, was particularly noted for its accuracy. On one occasion in the summer of 1943, while it was escorting a bombing raid, 611 was suddenly assailed by three entire *Staffeln* of Focke Wulf 190 fighters — nearly fifty aircraft.

The FW 190s were all of the "Dora" mark, formidable aircraft of great speed and awesome rate of climb, and theoretically superior to the Spitfire. But 611, led by the charismatic "Laddie" Lucas — famous for his legendary exploits in the air defence of Malta in the previous year — wheeled and tore into the foe without a second's hesitation. In a running battle which took place high above the English Channel, Hodgkinson accounted for one of the five FW 190s which fell to 611's guns that day, finishing his opponent off with a well-judged deflection shot.

Colin Hodgkinson was the son of a First World War fighter pilot (who was to serve again, in RAF Intelligence, in the Second). He grew up steeped in country pursuits: shooting, hunting, fishing. He was educated at Pangbourne Nautical College before, in the autumn of 1938, joining the Fleet Air Arm (then newly reinstated as an autonomous force, naval flying having been under the aegis of the RAF almost since the end of the First World War).

Having qualified as a pilot and had experience of deck take-offs and landings, Hodgkinson was practising blind flying over Kent when his aircraft collided with another. Both plummeted to earth. Hodgkinson, unable to extricate himself, was still on board when his Tiger Moth hit the ground, and he sustained severe injuries. Eventually, as in the case of Bader, one of his legs had to be amputated above the knee, the other below. He was also severely burnt and spent some time as one of Sir Archibald McIndoe's "Guinea Pigs" in the burns unit at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead.

At least, having discovered the resolve to continue flying, he did not have to endure the agonising wait suffered by Bader, to get back into the air. Bader, whose crash had been in December 1931, had fought red tape for eight years, before the outbreak of war and a desperate shortage of pilots had persuaded the authorities that his manifest abilities could be of use to his country. By the time Hodgkinson returned to a semblance of battle fitness a war was already raging.

At first the Fleet Air Arm would accept him back only for ground duties. But, armed with his tin legs from the Roehampton rehabilitation centre, he was soon demonstrating both the capacity and the desire for air combat. "I am just waiting for the day when I can get my first Hun," he chafed as he perfected air fighting skills, first in Fulmars and then in Hurricanes. There was only one caveat. As a shipboard fighter pilot he felt he was certain to be dragged straight to the bottom by his tin legs if he came down in the sea. This, and the desire to fly Spitfires, was the motivation behind his transfer to the RAF — though even there, given the amount of over-Channel flying likely to be involved, he filled up his metal limbs with ping pong balls, just in case.

By the time he got on to squadron service with the RAF, Fighter Command had gone over to the offensive and he had his first sorties during sweeps over France, when roving Spitfires shot up and rocketed targets of opportunity, such as troop and supply trains and military convoys. When he joined 611 Squadron in 1943 he was engaged mainly in escorting bombing raids and strikes against enemy shipping.

In December 1943 he was a flight commander with 510 Squadron when he was ordered out on a high altitude weather reconnaissance over the Pas de Calais. In what was a brand new aircraft freshly delivered to the squadron, it appears that the oxygen supply system was defective. While climbing to over 30,000 feet Hodgkinson passed out and lost control of his aircraft which then spun to earth. Astonishingly, he survived crashing into a French field. When he woke up it was in a ward of a French hospital; he had been rescued from his wrecked and burning Spitfire by local farmers.

Like Bader he became a PoW, although for nothing like so long a period. After ten months he was offered repatriation, which he accepted. He returned to England, but by that time the war was virtually over. By the time he flew again it was on ferry duties. Mundane though these were, they provided an opportunity for a little smuggling. In the confusion of the immediate postwar period Hodgkinson and pilots of like mind who were delivering aircraft to France, smuggled out tea, coffee and lengths of cloth, and brought back brandy and bottles of perfume. Fun though this was, it was also illegal and was terminated when the Inland Revenue made some discreet hints to that effect.

Although retired from the RAF in 1946, Hodgkinson continued to fly at weekends with the RAAF as a pilot of Vampires. He subsequently had successful careers in advertising and public relations and even, as a Conservative, contested the Labour safe seat of West Islington at the general election of 1955. In 1983 he travelled to France to meet his two saviours, the farmers Albert Desmazures and André Mareville, who had dragged him from his Spitfire forty years before. In a simple ceremony at the hamlet of Wandonne, 30 miles southeast of Calais, he was presented with part of the propeller of his aircraft.

Later, Hodgkinson retired to France himself, and is survived by his French second wife Georgina, and the daughter of his first marriage. His first wife, the fashion model June Hunter, predeceaseed him.

## IAN MURRAY

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Ian Murray with young members of the Aracena band

**Ian Murray, trombonist and bandmaster, died of a heart attack on September 15 aged 35. He was born on January 20, 1961.**

A TALL, good-humoured young Englishman, Ian Murray wrought an extraordinary transformation in the musical life of a small whitewashed town in the mountains of southern Spain. At the time of his death last weekend, he was on the way back from Fort William to his adopted home of Aracena in Andalusia. Together with the members of Aracena's junior band and their families, he was returning from an enormously successful week in the Scottish Highlands, on a visit that had followed last year's tour of Spain by their Scottish hosts, the Lochaber Youth Band. The trip to Scotland — the first time many of those involved had left Andalusia — was the latest chapter in an improbable musical adventure.

In 1992 the city of Seville, hosting Expo 92, formed a symphony orchestra. Ian Murray, a talented young trombonist from Norwich, then playing with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Glasgow, was one of a number of foreigners who were persuaded to move to Spain to join it. With his wife, Janet, and infant daughter, Gabriella, he made his home in a small village in the mountains about an hour and a half from Seville.

It was not long before the Mayor of nearby Aracena, hearing that a professional brass player was at hand, came to call. Notwithstanding his full-time job with the orchestra, Murray agreed to take on the leadership of the town's decrepit brass band. He had heard the band already, so he knew the challenge he faced; but such was his presence, determination and good nature, that in a very short time he changed the creaky remnants he inherited into a band that was bursting with pride and life.

Founded a century ago, Aracena's band had fallen on decidedly hard times. Murray took over a group of about 40 players, all keen and willing, but limited both in ability and in repertoire. None could read music, and performances relied largely on *fortissimo* renderings of the half dozen or so marches that everyone could remember how to play.

Quickly overcoming any resistance the players may have had to the idea of "a tall blond Protestant standing in front of them like a berk", as he himself once (typically) put it, Murray's first step was to introduce some much-needed discipline into a band that, by its members' own admission, was "horrible to listen to".

So enthusiastic was the response to his efforts that the band not only began to play better but soon doubled in size, and Murray found himself faced with the wholly unexpected problem of how to limit the numbers clamouring to join. By the time "el maestro Mooray" led his players through the town at the head of this year's festival procession, the band's technical standards were superb and its repertoire ranged from Saint-Saëns to Stephen Sondheim.

But Murray's efforts went beyond improving the playing of the band. He took upon himself the task of introducing the young people of the area to music. Soon most of his free time was spent in parades and practices and in fundraising for instruments and equipment, as well as arranging tours and concerts in the local villages and farther afield. Today there are more than 200 children learning instruments in the town.

In a country of parades and festivals, pilgrimages and dancing, music plays a most important part, and a town whose band can compete with the best is a town to be reckoned with. In spite of — or perhaps because of — his being one of only a handful of foreigners in the district, Murray's efforts were known and respected for miles around.

In just four years this cheerful, charming foreigner had made a remarkable impact. Of Aracena's small population, nearly 2,000 crowded into the town's church for an ecumenical funeral service, itself without precedent in this deeply Catholic part of Spain. The vast crowd that walked in silent procession to the church bore witness to the great loss, both personal and civic, felt by this rural community.

Ian Murray's wife and daughter survive him.

## PROFESSOR JACK PEPYS

**Professor Jack Pepys, Professor of Clinical Immunology at the Brompton Hospital, 1967-79, died on September 9 aged 82. He was born on May 15, 1914.**

JACK PEPYS was an outstanding clinical researcher who made substantial contributions to our understanding of allergic diseases. His particular talent was to unravel complex mechanisms in specific allergic processes. An association between farmer's lung and mouldy hay, for instance, had been known about since the 1930s, but the specific cause remained elusive and there was much debate as to whether the disease was allergic in nature. Pepys and his co-workers discovered the specific cause — allergy to moulds — and developed a blood test for farmer's lung which has remained routine in clinical practice ever since.

It soon became clear that there were many variants of this particular form of allergic lung disease — for which the terms extrinsic allergic alveolitis was coined — including bird breeder's (fancier's) lung and a similar problem caused by inhaled pituitary snuff once used as a form of hormone replacement.

Pepys also achieved international acclaim for his work on allergic lung diseases caused by various fungi. These complex conditions, which can be fatal if unrecognised, were found to have a basic immunological nature. This made it possible to explain the patterns of tissue destruction and develop further specific diagnostic tests.

On top of this, Pepys pioneered "experimental models" of provoked asthma and extrinsic allergic alveolitis in the clinical laboratory, and in this way was able not only to unravel disease processes but also to explain the basis of the mode of action of various anti-allergic drugs.

Another landmark contribution was his study on occupational asthma. He developed a series of simple inhalation tests which enabled a cause and effect relationship to be established between asthma and low molecular weight chemicals and other sensitising agents in the workplace. Using serological tests he was able to set the scene for subsequent studies on the immunopathology of occupational asthma. This eventually led to occupational asthma being recognised as an industrial disease liable to compensation.

Jacob Pepys — always known as Jack — was born in Johannesburg and studied medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand. Having graduated in 1935 he was to remain in South Africa for the next 14 years, working in general practice and having various affiliated academic appointments in Johannesburg and Cape Town. His interest in allergies and allergic diseases was aroused after he bought a set of skin testing solutions and found himself intrigued by their effects. He was to pursue this field of study for the rest of his life.

In 1948 Pepys and his family moved to London. After appointments at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology and St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, he became clinical assistant to Professor J. G. Scadding at the Brompton Hospital.

During the 1950s he set up an allergy clinic at the Brompton Hospital which soon became world-renowned. Operating from this base, he worked with a characteristic energy and enthusiasm to establish an academic department of clinical immunology with a special interest in allergic diseases. It was the first of its kind in Britain.

He was appointed honorary consultant in clinical immunology at the Brompton Hospital in 1960, and research laboratories were provided at the then Institute of Diseases of the Chest (now the National Heart & Lung Institute). The research group was initially set up with support from the Medical Research Council. He was appointed Reader in 1964 and Professor of Clinical Immunology in 1967.

Pepys always remained immensely popular with the staff and students with whom he worked and, though he could show great firmness, he was a man of gentle nature. As a lecturer he was lucid and concise.

In 1971 Pepys founded and became the first editor of the journal *Clinical Allergy* (now *Clinical and Experimental Allergy*), which was to become one of the most popular journals in the field. The early issues contained the classic descriptions of the causes of occupational asthma. He was a prolific and clear writer publishing more than 200 scientific articles in national and international journals.

He was an active member of a number of societies related to his field of research, and was president of the International Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology. He held several academic distinctions, including honorary degrees from the University of Clermont-Ferrand (1973) and the University of Ferrara (1991). His achievements were especially well recognised abroad, and, earlier this year, despite failing health, he crossed the Atlantic to be present at the ceremony in which he was presented with the highest award which the US could offer him: the Special Presidential Recognition Award from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

He is survived by his wife Rhoda; by a daughter; and by a son who is Professor of Immunological Medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

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*Max Baer (1909-59), a formidable boxer, was also a natural comic; during his fight with Primo Carnera, when he won the world heavyweight title, both men at one point were on the canvas: "Last one up's a cissy," said Baer.*

BOXING

### BAER'S DEFEAT BY LOUIS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.- Joe Louis, the negro boxer, to-day knocked out Max Baer, a former heavy-weight champion of the world, in the fourth round of a 15-round contest at the Yankee Stadium. The attendance was over 90,000 and the receipts amounted to more than £180,000.

After taking a severe thrashing and being floored for counts of nine and four in the third round, Baer went down again towards the end of the fourth from a terrific right. He struggled up on one knee, but could rise no more before being counted out. From the first bell to the last Baer never stood a chance against the negro, who is hailed by ringside critics as one of the greatest heavy-weights, perhaps the greatest negro heavy-weight, ever to enter the ring, not excepting Jack Johnson. Baer had never before been knocked out.

In the first round Baer attacked and landed a hard right to the jaw, but Louis got home a left hook and was quickly on the offensive. Baer covered up, and when he had recovered sufficiently to advance he could do nothing effective. He was already showing signs of battle, but he fought on pluckily and connected with a left and right to the jaw, which knocked Louis's head back. In a bout of hard hitting that followed Louis outfought his man, but Baer only laughed. A few moments later the negro battered him in a corner. Baer, after taking a lot of punishment, managed to cover up when in a helpless position. It was Louis's round.

A left jab from Louis opened the second round. Baer was watching for an opening for a hard punch to the stomach, but he could not find it. Louis landed a hard right hook to the nose, which caused the blood to flow more freely, and kept on hitting Baer's face with short, sharp blows. Just before the bell Louis took a hard left and right on the jaw which rocked him, but it was Louis's round.

Baer began the third round fighting with both fists to the head, but Louis backed away cleverly and fell into a clinch. The referee warned Baer to keep his punches up. Louis, very cool, got in left hooks and jabs as he pleased, and had Baer constantly backing. Baer landed two lefts to the head and Louis replied with lefts and rights to the head. A terrific left hook put Baer on the floor. Baer, however, did not seem disconcerted. He waved to the crowd from a sitting position, and got up at the count of nine. He could not make any impression on Louis, and the latter landed a hard right to the head and another left hook, which had Baer down again for a count of four. Baer laughed while on the canvas, but it was only the bell that saved him from being knocked out when he got up.

In the fourth round Louis worked Baer on to the ropes, where he hammered away at him with both fists. When Baer got free Louis continued to poke the latter's head back with lefts. Suddenly a terrific right hook floored Baer for the third time. This time he took the full count. He managed to get on one knee, but could not get up and was counted out. The end came after 2mins. 50sec.- *Reuter*

# Short breaks boom as sun holidays fade

By Harvey Elliott

SHORT breaks in places as diverse and unexpected as the Polish salt mines, Table Mountain in Cape Town and the sand dunes of Dubai are becoming the latest holiday trend as Britons increasingly turn their backs on the traditional two weeks in the sun. The city break is booming after having levelled off during the recession and tour operators are offering an ever wider choice of cities and unusual resorts.

Travel agencies have sold £200 million worth of short-break holidays in the past year, 60 per cent of which are to cities and almost all at the full brochure price.

An estimated 600,000 people a year book city breaks through travel agencies and a further 150,000 make their own arrangments.

Demand is so great that Thomson, determined to regain its dominant position in the short-break market, is more than doubling the choice of cities available in its new City Breaks brochure, listing 32 destinations in Europe, America and South Africa.

New destinations include Boston and Washington, as well as the European cities of Warsaw, Cracow, Budapest, Copenhagen, Lisbon, Nice, Verona and Istanbul. The ability to pre-book visits to music festivals and historic sites, and even meals is proving a particular attraction to families with little time to plan their own itinerary. In Dubai, for example, holidaymakers who pay from £499 for three nights, including return flights, accommodation and breakfast, can pre-book a tour of Bedu villages and lunch in a wadi for £47 a person.

Seven nights in Cape Town cost from £999 in the low season and a visit to Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope is an extra £55. Three nights in Cracow costs from £335 in a four-star hotel and a four-hour visit to the salt mines costs an extra £22.

Charles Newbold, Thomson's managing director, says: "The attraction of short breaks is such that many holidaymakers are now opting for a city holiday each year, as well as the traditional beach holiday. Next year's price rises are limited to about 1 per cent, so we expect to see a significant increase in demand."

For the city-breaks specialist Crystal Cities, Paris and Amsterdam are still favourites, followed by Dublin and Prague. But the introduction of the Eurostar train service has propelled Brussels into the seventh most popular spot.

Alan Betty, the product director of Crystal Cities, says: "The Belgian cities of Brussels and Bruges have shown a good increase this year as a result of Eurostar's popularity. Prague has been one of our top-selling destinations since the launch of the programme and the trend towards city combinations continues to grow; for example, an increasing number of clients are adding a stay in Vienna and Budapest."

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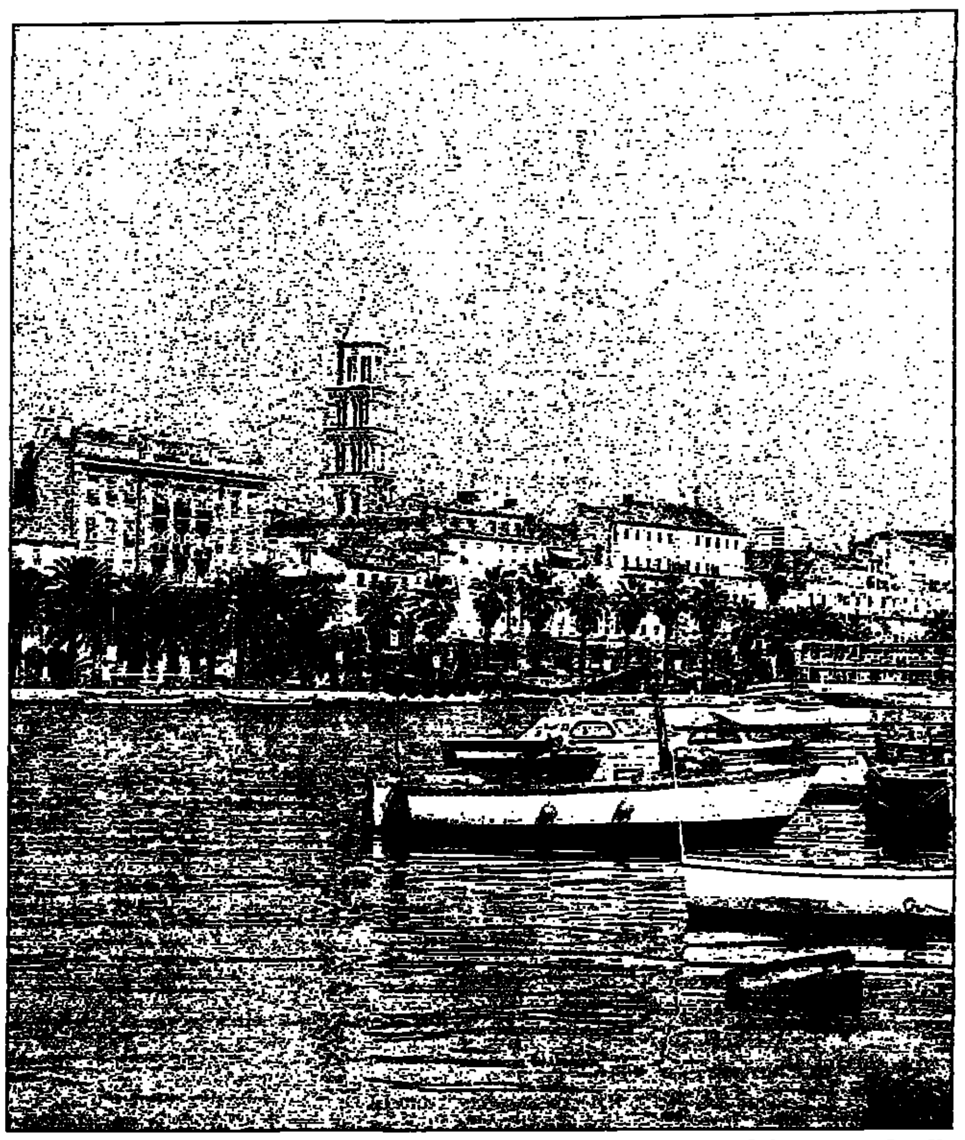


Tourists are welcome once again in the attractive — and now peaceful — town of Split

# Visitors return to Croatia

By John Young

LOOKING slightly bemused, British passengers arriving at Split airport, in Croatia, last week were showered with roses and champagne and serenaded by guitars and mandolins. The occasion was the arrival of the first organised tour group since fighting began in 1991.

The party of 80 or so were clients of Saga Holidays which, before the fighting began, was taking some 22,000 people a year to 22 resorts along the Dalmatian coast. Local tourist officials greeted their arrival as the end of a nightmare and the start of a new era of peace and normality. But normality had not yet fully returned. There were other Britons around, in camouflage jackets and carrying weapons — members of the Nato force engaged in peacekeeping operations.

In less turbulent times the spectacular Adriatic coast was the main draw for tourists to Yugoslavia, and resentment that much of the revenue was going to distant Belgrade was certainly a factor in Croatia's decision to go it alone. But with the outbreak of hostilities tourism ceased abruptly, and the hotels became home to thousands of refugees.

Many refugees are still unable to return home, but Urlich Hrvoge, general manager of all the main hotels in the town of Makarska, is confident that they will soon be outnumbered by tourists. "Realistically we expect a 20 to 30 per cent increase next year, and to be back up to 1990 levels in two or three years' time," he said.

"We are very happy to see Saga back, because our experience of British guests has been very good," he added. "We want to show people that Croatia is at peace and back to normal."

One couple happy to return were Brenda and James Best, of Edinburgh, who had been to the Croatian coast at least once a year since 1984.

"Some of our friends were pretty surprised when we told them we were coming back," said Mr Best, "but we thought if Saga decided Croatia was safe, it would be."

# Scheduled airlines cut Nice flights

By Steve Keenan

THREE scheduled airlines are likely to axe services to Nice this winter because of cut-price airline competition to the French Riviera. Air UK from Stansted and Air France from Heathrow are "reviewing" services and British Airways is ending flights from Gatwick. Air France is also cutting two other routes and taking on its first franchise airline outside France, Jersey European, to cut costs.

The decisions are partly based on the slump in holiday demand for France, and the Riviera, in particular. But the airlines have also been hit by EasyJet, a low-cost carrier, selling seats from Luton for £49 one-way, which undercuts even charter prices.

Bluebird Holidays ran two charters a week from Birmingham, Manchester and Gatwick this summer, but competition persuaded it to axe the series for next summer.

Stephen Powell, Bluebird's managing director, said: "In August, we were selling seats at £149 that sold for £229 last year. People who would normally fly from Manchester were driving to Luton to take advantage of EasyJet prices."

Bluebird will continue to sell scheduled seats to Nice. Only BA and British Midland will operate scheduled flights there, from Heathrow, this winter.

The move by Air France is part of a wider strategy review as the airline looks to move out of the red and to compete with BA. AF will fly only from Heathrow to Paris Charles de Gaulle and Strasbourg, moving away from winter leisure routes to focus on building connecting traffic over CDG on to long-haul services. The carrier will also abandon Heathrow services to Bordeaux this winter and Paris Orly from October 28.

Jersey European is to operate Heathrow services on business-orientated routes to Lyons and Toulouse. The flights will operate as Air France Express under AF livery and flight codes.

Barry Perrott, JEA's chief executive, said Air France had asked JEA to look also at Nice and Bordeaux, but JEA had decided against them.

Air France is concentrating on building traffic to Paris CDG airport from Heathrow, London City, Edinburgh, Manchester and Birmingham. A spokesman said the proportion of UK passengers connecting to other AF flights at Paris CDG had risen from 29 per cent to 50 per cent in the past six months.

"That is the trend," he added. "Routes that are non-profitable and not likely to make money in future are very much under the magnifying glass. The future for us lies in increasing traffic to Paris. The rise since April has been largely because of those in transit. We are not going to rely on point-to-point traffic."

# Alton Towers hotel was 'an unwelcome discovery'

By David Churchill

THE new Alton Towers theme park hotel in Staffordshire has been savaged by the Consumers' Association for "appalling" service and stringent booking conditions. "This is our most unwelcome discovery of the year," says Patricia Yates, editor of the *Which? Hotel Guide 1997* published by the association today.

The hotel, where family rooms cost from £100 a night and suites from £200, was opened earlier this year to provide on-site accommodation at Britain's most popular theme park. Alton Towers is expected to attract almost three million visitors this year before it closes in November.

The hotel booking conditions require a 10 per cent deposit and full payment no fewer than 30 days before arrival. Moreover, if guests cancel within 30 days of their scheduled arrival and the room is not relet, then the hotel can charge the full amount against the customer's credit card. "We are simply stunned by the payment terms," the guide says.

Such conditions, adds Ms Yates, are surprising for hotels. "We think that they would not stand up in court and we have written to Alton Towers to point this out."

Alton Towers says that it has asked its solicitors to review its contract terms with hotel guests. A spokeswoman added that because most people booked the hotel and admission to the theme park at the same time, the booking conditions were in line with those of other package holidays. The hotel, however, is open all year round.

The guide adds: "The reservations system was appalling as, at times, was the service."

The guide also reports in its review of British hotels that surly hoteliers and dirty hotels upset guests more than anything else. "Toenail clippings, showers so weak it was impossible to get wet, and baths that had to be left running for two hours before filling up, were just some of the problems," it says.

Hotel dress-codes were criticised for being humiliating and anachronistic. "Hotels that humiliate reasonably dressed diners who have unwittingly broken an unadvertised dress-code is not something that endears an establishment to me," Ms Yates says.

The guide's top London hotel was the Basil Street Hotel.

● The best hotel chain in Europe is the Inter-Continental Group, according to readers of *Business Traveller* magazine in its annual poll. Top business hotel in the UK was The Hilton on Park Lane. Virgin Atlantic won the best airline business class award. British Airways was voted the best short-haul, long-haul and best airline.

Which? Hotel Guide 1997 *is on sale in bookshops at £14.99*

# Sally to axe Dunkirk ferry

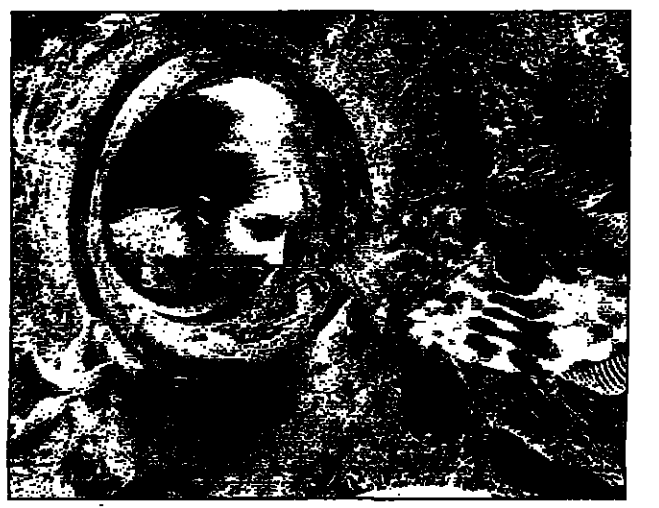
By Steve Keenan

SALLY Ferries has found a new fast-craft partner and is set to axe its Ramsgate to Dunkirk services next spring.

The latest development in the cross-Channel ferry war yesterday resulted in Sally announcing a split from its Belgian partner RMT, to become effective from next March. RMT will cease trading and its three ferries and two jetfoils sold. Sally will then team up with the Australian fast-ferry specialist Holyman to run 90-minute catamaran crossings from Ramsgate to Ostend.

The decision comes after losses caused by the opening of the Channel Tunnel. Sally lost £2 million last year and saw passenger numbers drop by 25 per cent in the first six months of 1996.

Bill Moses,Sally chief executive, said: "This will allow us to stem losses and steal a march on the market. The industry needs action, not words."



Visitors to Sea Life will reach 3.5 million this year

# Closer encounters of a fishy kind

By Willy Newlands

SEA LIFE is Britain's top leisure attraction. Visitors to the 16 aquariums will top 3.5 million by the end of the season, with a further one million viewing the ocean tanks in Holland, Belgium and Spain.

The group's growth has been rapid since the day, only 17 years ago, when the first Sea Life Centre opened on the banks of Loch Creran, near Oban, Argyll.

The aquariums are all devoted to familiar British sea creatures but unusual presentations, such as the herring ring at Oban, in which 1,000 fish in their doughnut-shaped tank swim around the viewer, have drawn the crowds. The Oban centre became the West of Scotland's leading visitor attraction within a year.

The opening of the National Sea Life Centre in Birmingham this summer has achieved the aim of the owners, Dorset-based Vardon Attractions, by bringing an aquarium within easy reach of almost anywhere in England, Scotland and Wales.

Nick Varney, the managing director, says: "In many cases, such as in the walk-through tunnels, visitors feel as if they are the ones enclosed, while the fish enjoy all the space they need, and more."

It is often the waist-high "sandy seabed" displays which captivate most visitors, with coffee-table sized rays nosing the surface to look at their admirers. Touch pools offer an opportunity to handle sturdy rockpool dwellers such as starfish, crabs and sea anemones.

The centres at Hunstanton, Oban and Scarborough have seal rescue and release operations. The group has also achieved success with the breeding of unusual fish, such as native seahorses, establishing techniques which will be used in conservation programmes. For further information ring 0800 600 900.

# Ghana back on tourist map

By Tony Dawe

TWO African nations with strong links to Britain are back on the tourist beat as travel companies seek new destinations. A programme of holidays to Ghana begins shortly, while one tour operator, which introduced adventure trips to Uganda, reported this week that its tours are sold out until January.

Ghana is enjoying stability under President Jerry Rawlings, who was elected democratically in 1992 after leading two successful coups, and Afriqwest Tours has decided the country is a perfect undeveloped holiday destination.

"Too much tourism in Africa is dominated by major companies and by those wishing to make quick money, so we looked for somewhere with a stable background which was eager to develop a tourist industry," said Veronica Reindorf of Afriqwest, in Moorhampton, Hereford.

"Ghana is a beautiful country with tropical beaches, rainforests and the savannah further north, and it also boasts a wealth of culture and long-standing links with Britain." Tours begin on November 4 with weekly Monarch Airlines flights from Gatwick to the capital, Accra, and include a range of two-centre trips in addition to beach holidays. Prices range from £950 for flights and a fortnight's four-star accommodation in Accra and either a beach resort or inland centre — with goldmines and monkey sanctuaries — to £450 for a week at a beach hotel.

Explore Worldwide reports that the response to its adventure tours to Uganda has been so great that they are sold out until next year. "Uganda is relatively small and all the highlights can be reached quite easily," said Derek Moore of Explore Worldwide. Prices for 17-day tours in January start at £1,045, including return flights, all travel, safari camps and meals.

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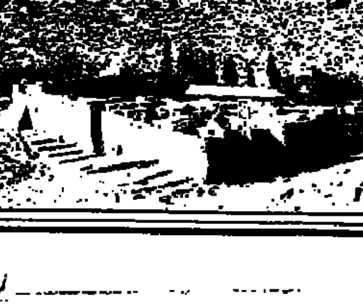

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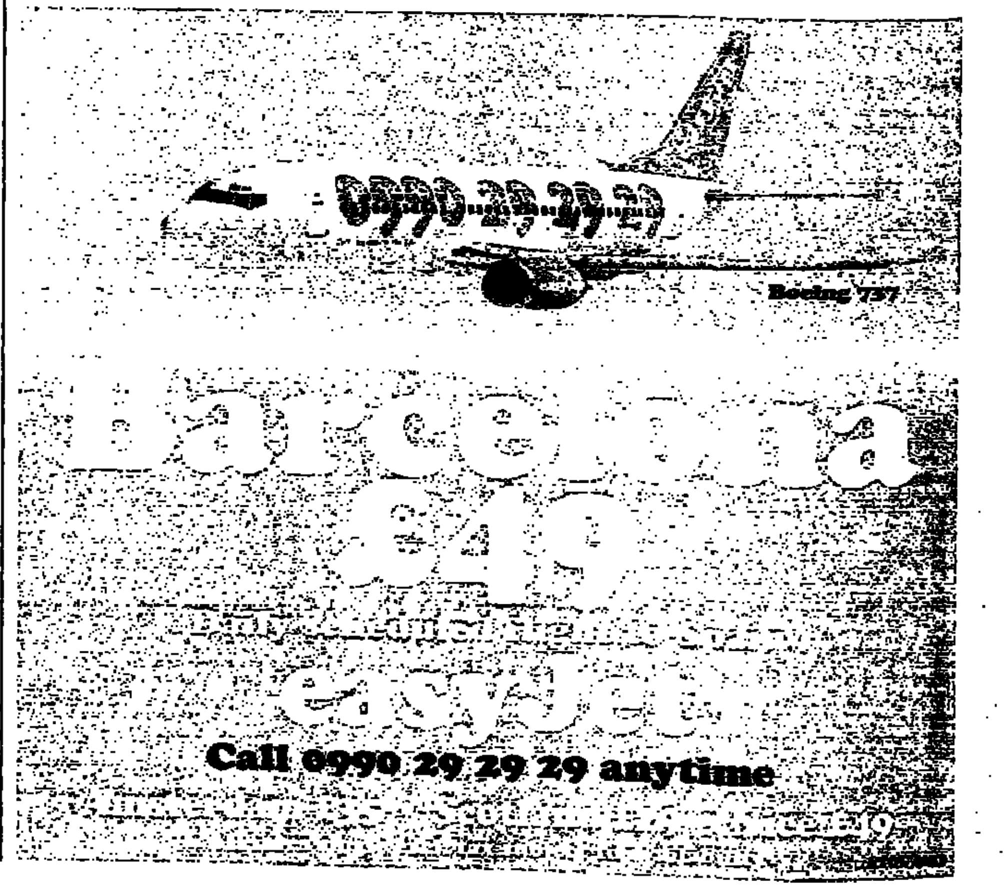

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# As safe as UK hangars

*The Travel Business*

HARVEY ELLIOTT

When anti-terrorist police swoop on an aircraft engineer as he leaves work after a night shift, it is hardly surprising that passengers should suddenly become aware of the vulnerability of the machine in which they are to fly.

Whatever alleged offence the police and security forces believed the maintenance engineer might be involved with, the very fact that he was arrested after working on a commercial jet is bound to cause alarm.

In reality, the complex and, rightly, discreet series of checks designed both to prevent potentially unstable or dangerous people having access to aircraft at all, together with the constant monitoring of work ensures that aircraft hangars are among the most secure places in Britain. Checks are also carried out on both passenger and cargo baggage and highly visible — and vastly expensive — machines ensure that every passenger knows that their security is taken seriously.

And yet airlines that are willing to spend whatever is necessary and will take not the slightest chance with the safety of their passengers are now unanimous in their opposition to another security measure due to come into force next year.

Under new American anti-terrorism legislation, the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, it will be illegal for any airline to fly to the United States unless it has security measures in force at its own home airport which are "identical" to those used by rival US carriers. Anyone who has flown to the US will have seen the long queues of passengers using American airlines as they go through an additional security check even before they are allowed to go to the check-in desk.

The Americans are convinced that this check — known as "profiling" — will weed out potential terrorists.

Other countries, Britain included, do not agree and believe that security is a far more complex and clandestine affair and that simply questioning passengers will do little to stop a bomber.

They are also opposed to the other 20 measures now being imposed under the Hatch Amendment, so named after Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, who introduced it and who is determined to "export" it. Unnecessary security checks can only add to air fares, and being made to "stand in line" while an airline employee attempts an instant psychological profile is bound to add to the frustration of checking-in before a flight.

# Bargains of the week — from a trip to the Arctic Circle to a feast of puddings

## HOLIDAYS

PHUKET for a fortnight, with four-star room-only accommodation, for £499 is on offer from Connections, including a flight from Manchester on October 21 and Gatwick the next day. Details: 0171-491 2211.

■ BOCA RATON Resort & Club, one of Florida's most famous holiday spots, is on offer throughout October for £747 a person for a week, including return scheduled flights, from North America Travel Service. Details: 0161-835 1001.

■ JAMAICA for £399 a person for a fortnight, with a flight from Gatwick next Tuesday and room-only accommodation, is on offer from Page & Moy. Details: 0116-250 7116.

■ RHODES for £199 a person for a week's self-catering, including flight from Stansted next Wednesday, is available from Advantage Travel Centres. Details: 0990 881888.

■ EILAT for £315 a person for a week's self-catering, with a flight from Heathrow on October 3, is available from Crusader Travel. B&B hotel accommodation is also available from £369 a person. Details: 0181-744 0474.

■ A WEEK in the Arctic Circle for £750 a person on offer from Inntravel includes a night on a coastal steamer, four nights in a fisherman's cottage on Lofoten and two nights in Tromsø with a flight from Gatwick on October 4. Details: 01653 628862.

■ HALKIDIKI, the Greek mainland resort, is available for £159 a person for a week's room-only accommodation from Lunn Poly, including a flight from Leeds/Bradford on October 7. Details: any Lunn Poly 800 Holidays Shops.

■ TORONTO for three nights from £299 a person and Boston from £349, both with return scheduled flights, are among Christmas-shopping city specials from Thomas Cook. Available until mid-December. Details: 01733 335522.

■ SAVINGS of up to 40 per cent on brochure prices are on offer from Cosmos for late-booked November and December holidays. The price of a Christmas family holiday on the Algarve is cut by £240. Details: 0161-480 5799.

DUNCAN ATKINSON

One of the beautiful beaches of Phuket in southern Thailand: a four-star fortnight for £499

## FERRIES

P&O EUROPEAN Ferries has flat-rate £99 standard returns for sale on the Dover-Calais route for the rest of the year. Caravans and trailers travel free under the offer. Day trips for £15 a car, £1 a passenger, are also on sale (£10 supplement on Saturdays) and five-day returns for £50 — available through Eurodrive. Details: 0181-324 4000.

■ SWANSEA Cork Ferries is running packages to coincide with the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival being held between October 25 and 28. Crossings from October 8 cost £115 a person for ferry travel and three nights B&B, based on two sharing. Details: 01792 456116.

■ FIVE nights in the Hotel Ritz in Gothenburg, including ferry crossing with Scandinavian Seaways, is available for customers ready to leave Harwich on October 6 — packages from £183 a person. Details: 0990 333111.

■ BRITTANY Ferries, which operates four routes to France, is offering autumn three-day fares from £45 for a car and up to five passengers. Hotel vouchers from £14 a person, based on two sharing, are also available. Details: 0990 360360.

## HOTELS

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■ A SPECIAL pre-Christmas break is on offer at Hunstrete House, a Georgian country house hotel near Bath, on the evening of December 1. Dinner in the Michelin-starred restaurant is followed the next day by a demonstration of Christmas floral arrangements or a port-tasting visit to Harvey's of Bristol. Cost: £210 a couple. Details: 01761 490490.

■ THE Three Ways House hotel in the Cotswold village of Mickleton is offering a "pudding club" two-night weekend break over October 4 and 5 and November 1 and 2. Rate: £54 a person a night, double occupancy, including a feast of seven traditional home-made puddings for dinner. Details: 01386 438429.

■ THE Hospitality Inn, Irvine, Strathclyde, has cut its three-night-break rates between September 28 and November 30 from £120 to £78 a person a night. Details: 0800 700 400.

## FLIGHTS

PHILIPPINE Airlines is flying non-stop to Manila from October 2 with a new fares package. Business-class passengers will be upgraded to first class and can take a companion for half-price. Passengers booking three tickets receive the fourth ticket free of charge. Details: 0171-499 9446.

■ VLM, the Flemish airline, has introduced an £85 excursion between London City and Rotterdam. The minimum stay is two nights, but this need not include a Saturday. Details: 0171-476 6677.

■ LUPUS Travel has lower Alitalia excursions to Italy provided you book by Friday. Examples include Rome for £150, Milan £140, Venice and Florence for £175. Details: 0171-306 3000.

■ TRAVELMOOD has a £699 winter-time fare flying to Australasia via Singapore with SIA. Details: 0171-258 0280.

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■ STARTING on October 27, Manx Airlines has "winter warmer" fares to the Isle of Man offering savings of 30 per cent. A return flight from Leeds costs £79 and from Birmingham or Glasgow £89. Details: 0345 256256.

■ CENTENNIAL Airlines has boosted flight frequency and lowered its Gatwick-Palma return fare to £99. Manchester-Palma costs £115. Details: 01293 553707.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

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## NEWS

### Brown goes for 50p higher tax rate

■ Gordon Brown has surprised members of the Labour Shadow Cabinet by telling them that he is considering a new 50p top rate of tax for earnings of over £100,000 a year.

The Shadow Chancellor lifted the veil on the tax plans of a Labour government at a pre-conference meeting. Several of his colleagues have been pressing for a new top rate to come in at a much lower level, but there has been a series of hints that Tony Blair wants to avoid hitting the middle classes ....... **Pages 1, 11**

### Labour row over Adams invitation

■ The Labour leadership threatened to eject Jeremy Corbyn from the parliamentary party for his "reprehensible" behaviour in inviting Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, to the House of Commons today. Tony Benn is also involved in the "private meeting" .................. **Pages 1, 19**

### Gypsy ruling

A gypsy faces prosecution and eviction after the European Court of Human Rights ruled that she could not legally stay in her caravan on her own land in Cambridgeshire ................ **Page 2**

### Westwood on show

Vivienne Westwood, the *grande dame* of British design, announced she would be showing her collections in England for the first time in a decade as London Fashion week opened ....... **Page 3**

### Duchess on the rack

The Duchess of York may have to answer questions in court about her private life as she tries to ban a book about her relationship with John Bryan, her former financial adviser ................ **Page 3**

### Neighbourly strife

A retired Cambridge professor and his wife who have enjoyed a decade of rural tranquillity are locked in a parking dispute with a new neighbour .................. **Page 5**

### Stalking laws

Michael Howard is to press for urgent laws to outlaw stalking as part of his criminal justice Bill in the run up to the general election ............................ **Page 6**

### Health warning

Surgical procedures and medical drugs could in future be ranked in a risk league table to help patients to assess the chance of anything going wrong...... **Page 7**

### Rubens dispute

Artists challenging the attribution of Rubens's *Samson and Delilah* in the National Gallery believe that evidence presented in an auction house's catalogue was mistaken ........................... **Page 9**

### Hurd pitches in

Douglas Hurd fuelled the controversy over Europe in the Tory Party by warning John Major that it would be foolish to rule out membership of a single currency.......... **Pages 11, 15, 18, 19**

### Senate race

William Weld, the Republican Governor of Massachusetts and John Kerry, the Democratic senator, both multi-millionaires, are fighting the hottest Senate race in America ............................ **Page 12**

### Kabul battle

Taleban forces closed in on Kabul from three directions during fierce fighting with Afghan Government forces three miles from the city centre .................. **Page 13**

### Yelstsin operation

President Yeltsin will definitely undergo heart bypass surgery but the operation will be postponed for six to ten weeks because of his poor health............ **Page 14**

### All to play for

The run-up to EMU resembles a poker game with the only certainty that either the rules will have to be bent or the 1999 start date delayed............................ **Page 15**

### Dustmen in professor's bad books

■ Sir Frank Kermode, 76, former King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at Cambridge University, consigned 30 boxes of books and papers to a municipal dustcart when he mistook dustmen for removal men while moving house in May. He is claiming £20,000 compensation after many volumes were irreparably crushed in the compactor .....**Page 1**

RULA HALAWANI/REUTERS

Israeli soldiers in Ramallah, on the West Bank, fired at Palestinians demonstrating about the Jerusalem tourist tunnel. Page 1

## BUSINESS

**Economy:** The International Monetary Fund expects that next year Britain will have the most successful economy in Europe for the fourth consecutive year ..... **Page 25**

**NatWest:** The bank is to sell £3.2 billion of loans to large companies on to building societies and other financial institutions in Europe and America...................... **Page 25**

**Jobs:** Ford is cutting 1,000 jobs from its British workforce as the company battles to compete with increasingly efficient foreign plants ................................ **Page 25**

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 index rose 21.6 points to close at 3932.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 86.2 to 86.4 after a rise from $1.5580 to $1.5642 and from DM2.3574 to DM2.3623 ....**Page 28**

## SPORT

**Football:** Arsenal were knocked out of the Uefa Cup when they lost 3-2 in Germany in the first round, second leg to Borussia Mönchengladbach ........... **Page 48**

**Rugby union:** Jack Rowell, the coach, said the next England captain had been selected, but would not be announced until the dispute between the RFU and the leading clubs had been resolved ...**Page 45**

**Cricket:** Mohammad Akram, of Pakistan, has been lined up to play for Northamptonshire next year, ending the county career of Curtly Ambrose ......................... **Page 42**

**Racing:** Hamdan Al-Maktoum is to follow the example set by his brother, Sheikh Mohammed, and send his best two-year-olds to Dubai this winter ................. **Page 43**

## ARTS

**Thin Eyre:** Zeffirelli brings Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece *Jane Eyre* to the screen, with plenty of pretty pictures but not nearly enough anguish ................**Page 33**

**New on video:** John Travolta leads the cast of *Get Shorty* as the Miami loanshark who visits Los Angeles to round up money owed to the mob but finds a new career as a film producer ....................**Page 34**

**Return to Whitehall:** Farce is back in its traditional home with *Cash on Delivery*, complete with corpses, men in drag and an exploding washing machine..............**Page 35**

**Making Irish music:** Can a Russian-born violinist turned conductor lead the Ulster Orchestra to glory in the year of its thirtieth anniversary?......................**Page 35**

## FEATURES

**Guru talk:** Noreen Taylor is mesmerised by the sad, soulful blue eyes of Sir Laurens van der Post, who has just written his 25th book at the age of 90......... **Page 17**

## BODY AND MIND

**Don't panic:** Patients with panic attacks complain that they cannot breathe fast enough to stay alive. Dr Thomas Stuttaford advises how you can help ...................**Page 16**

## TRAVEL

**Boom breaks:** Short holidays in strange places such as Polish salt mines are booming .......... **Page 22**

**Croatia comeback:** First organised tour to the area since fighting broke out in 1991 ........................ **Page 22**

## BOOKS

**Reviews:** Conor Cruise O'Brien on the life of Michael Collins; Claire Tomalin admires Emily Tennyson, the poet's wife. Plus Rachel Cusk on Muriel Spark; and Alistair Horne, Sean French and Malcolm Bradbury .................... **Pages 36, 37**

## THE PAPERS

The whole of the package approved by the EU Finance Ministers in Dublin is the fruit of consensus politics . . . The optimistic reaction of the markets reflects a belief that the Euro will come into existence on the date prescribed for it. The boat is now leaving port — *El Pais*

## TOMORROW

### IN THE TIMES

■ LYNNE TRUSS
Kicking off her new weekly column, Lynne Truss reports from the terraces of her home-town heroes

■ POP
Sheryl Crow's follow-up album and other new releases reviewed

## TV LISTINGS

**Preview:** The Child Support Agency opens up to the cameras. *The System* (BBC2, 9.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on train journeys that are not what they seem .....**Page 47**

## OPINION

### Nothing straight

Great damage to Britain could result from EMU: those who would have the Government reject it now should ask whether that is the best way to prevent such damage. It is not.................................**Page 19**

### Open Labour

By facing down his rebels and facing up to reality Tony Blair is showing a seriousness about power which may make its capture more likely ..................................**Page 19**

### Cool Britannia

Like literary Paris in the Thirties, or artistic Soho in the Fifties, London is seen as a nursery for fashion genius ..................**Page 19**

## COLUMNS

### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The decision whether or not to join the European single currency is not a simple question of financial mechanics but an historic question about the constitutional future of Britain..............................**Page 18**

### EILIS O'HANLON

The Northern Ireland evoked by Adams is a place in which innocent Catholics risk death and torture at the hands of bloodthirsty loyalists but in which nothing is the fault of Irish republicans ..............**Page 18**

### GILES WORSLEY

Empty and forlorn, Paternoster Square today is a national humiliation. The sooner it is demolished and replaced the better......**Page 18**

### JOHN BRYANT

It is confusing enough for the casual football spectator that clubs keep changing the team kit — but this season, those flag carriers who puff up and down the touchlines are no longer linesmen: they are "assistant referees"..................... **Page 46**

## OBITUARIES

**Colin Hodgkinson**, legless fighter pilot; **Ian Murray**, bandmaster; **Professor Jack Pepys**, pioneer in allergy research .................**Page 21**

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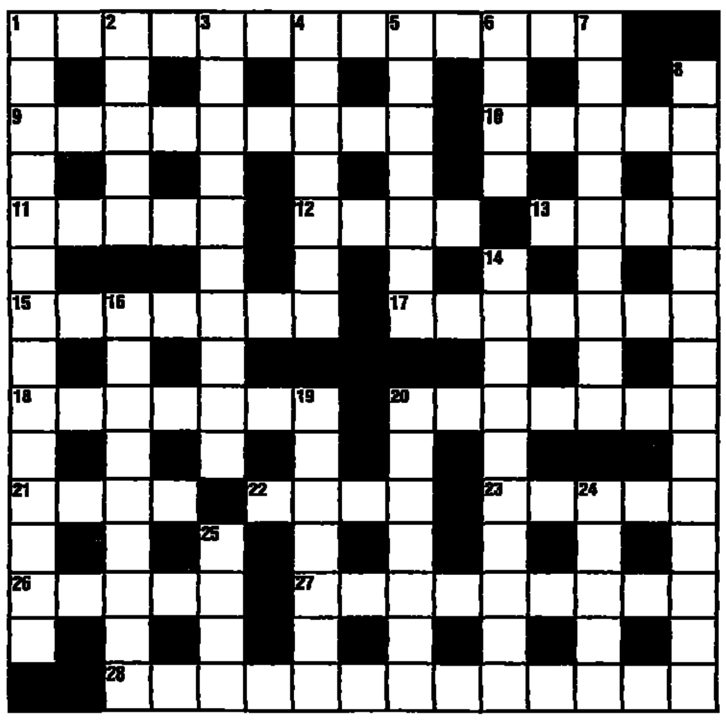

**ACROSS**

1 Figure at one stage included in dance, finally cut (13).
9 Get rid of letter – police are coming round (9).
10 Record incidental music (5).
11 Subject of article by present writer (5).
12 Grass – nearly always religiously kept cut to the minimum (4).
13 Crew forbidden to speak (4).
15 Carried too far, old composer died (7).
17 Marathon leader's total disaster, as result of race mix-up (7).
18 Nancy works as dairymaid – brief spell of work (7).
20 Queen on walkabout, so to speak (7).
21 Give way to eastern pundit (4).
22 Sound contented, having turned up with bishop (4).
23 Disconcerted as result of being reported (5).
26 Record number of competitors (5).
27 Painter using a red Corot developed (9).
28 Little house within land borders rebuilt without restriction (2,5,6).

**DOWN**

1 One's quite smart – could become chairman (8-6).
2 Quickly producing pop-up card (5).
3 Create it as rude as possible (5,1,4).
4 Erudite humorist, Edward (7).
5 Principle English men introduced to other people (7).
6 Stratagem it's right to employ (4).
7 Let eyes follow mind (4,5).
8 Unusually, he drew odd total out (4,2,3,5).
14 Where to see stars in programme, with excellent value coming up (10).
16 Free from prejudice. I lengthen shifts (9).
19 Poet's written a line with some force (7).
20 Instruments produced by arbitrators after a month (7).
24 One turns round and round, up and down (5).
25 Mistaken belief held by army theoreticians (4).

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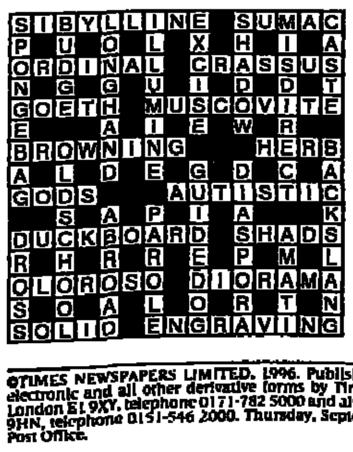

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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should start dry, but rain reaching the west during the morning will spread quickly east across most remaining parts. The South East might stay dry until the evening. Clearer, showery conditions will follow. Becoming windy, perhaps gales over exposed areas.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain, heavy at times. Clearer conditions with blustery showers should reach Northern Ireland during the afternoon and spread quickly across Scotland later. Windy, with gales over exposed areas.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** Bright spells. Becoming cloudy, with rain late afternoon/evening. Wind light S, becoming strong, turning SW later. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Central S, E, Central N, NE England, E Midlands:** Dry, bright start, rain spreading from west. Becoming dry later. Wind moderate S, becoming strong and turning SW. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Is, SW, NW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Rain, heavy at times. Brighter, scattered showers later. Wind strong S, turning SW. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Mostly dry start. Rain, heavy at times, spreading from west. Becoming mainly dry by evening. Wind S, strong to gale, turning SW. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Rain, heavy at times, clearing in afternoon to leave blustery showers. Wind S, strong to gale, turning SW. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Mostly dry at first. Rain later, becoming heavy. Wind S, strong to gale, turning SW later. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sunny intervals and blustery showers. Windy

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

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| Guernsey | 7.1 | 0.14 | 19 | 66 | s | Stornoway | 2.1 | 0.31 | 15 | 59 | sh |
| Hastings | 3.6 | - | 19 | 66 | s | Swanage | 5.7 | 0.12 | 17 | 63 | s |
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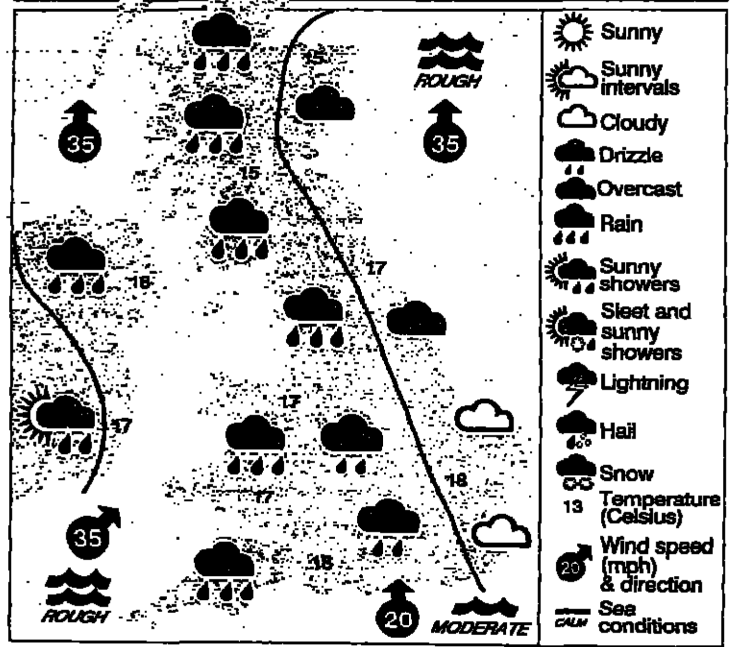

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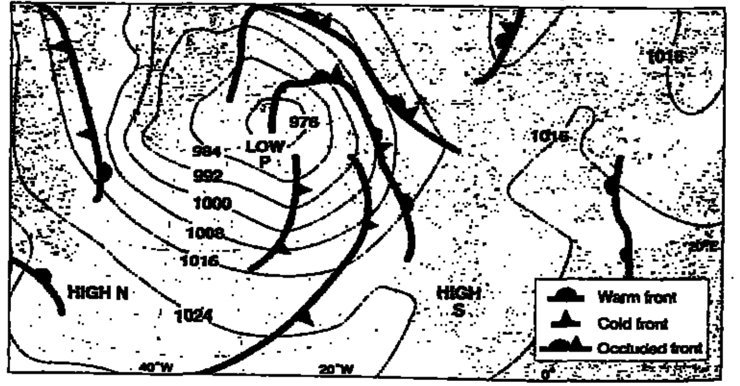

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: St Mawgan, Cornwall, 0.83in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, 8.6hr

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| Total number of lives saved so far this year: | 567 |
| Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year: | 2,882 |
| Cost to RNLI per day: | £173,000 |
| Cost to taxpayer: | £0 |
| To make a donation, telephone: | 0800 543210 |

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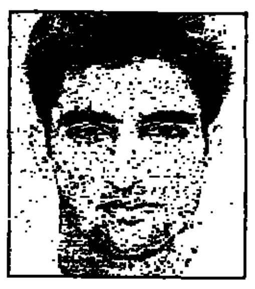

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# BT and News International to launch Internet service

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and News International are to launch an Internet service called Springboard, whose content will range from News International's titles, including *The Times*, to information about television programmes.

The 50-50 joint venture is scheduled for a January launch and will be sold on its own, although BT may eventually market it as a package with BT Internet, the Internet service it started in the spring.

Rupert Gavin, BT's director of multimedia services, would say only that the start-up costs would be a "sizeable sum", although it is understood to be less than £10 million.

Mr Gavin said that Springboard is designed for mass-market appeal and will be aimed at the 300,000 or so Britons who regularly use the Internet, the worldwide network of computers. BT believes that the number of Internet users will rise to as many as four million by 2000. "We want to get away from being a specialist service for anoraks," he said.

Douglas Flynn, managing director of News International, said: "With News International's expertise in publishing, multimedia and news gathering, and BT's experience in multimedia and communications, the new venture will establish a very attractive service for the UK market."

Springboard will initially draw content from *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and the *News of World*, and will work with partners to add weather, sport, the latest news, event listings and tickets, a reference library and other educational material. Other businesses within The News Corporation, which owns News International, might also provide services. They might include content from HarperCollins, the book publisher, Fox Television, which produces *The X-Files*, and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is 40 per cent owned by News International.

Delphi Creative, the News International company that designs Internet Web sites, will be absorbed into the BT-News International joint venture. Springboard is the latest in a series of multimedia ventures launched by News International. Others include Internet editions of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, and News EyeQ, the on-line, business-to-business service.

☐ BT is expected this morning to announce that it has formed a partnership with Générale des Eaux, the French utilities group that is mounting a challenge to France Telecom in the phone market. A French partner would fill a glaring hole in BT's European strategy. In the past two years it has formed telecoms joint ventures in Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and The Netherlands as part of its strategy to make continental Europe, in effect, part of its home market. It has been looking for a French partner for over a year and is also seeking ways into the Swiss and Belgian markets.

# NatWest to shed £3.2bn in loans

By Robert Miller

NATWEST, the UK's largest bank, is to shed £3.2 billion worth of company loans from its lending book and sell them on as a new type of security to other banks, building societies, pension funds and other international investors.

The move, which involves loans to 300 of the bank's larger and more creditworthy company customers, could pave the way for rival banks and City institutions to follow suit. This, in turn, could create a new market of tradeable corporate loan notes or securities worth up to £32 billion.

In the past NatWest has been criticised for failing to trim its corporate lending book, worth around £9.6 billion, fast enough, even though it has been cut by around £8 billion since 1991. Intense competition in the corporate lending market has pushed down interest rates and therefore the returns that banks can expect to earn from such business.

NatWest declined to identify individual companies among the 300. It is understood, however, that some of its largest borrowers, such as Eurotunnel, Queens Moat Houses and Brent Walker, with collective debts worth billions, are not included.

By creating a new company, Rose (Repeat Offering Securitisation Entity) Funding Group, to buy NatWest's corporate loans the bank will be able to free £250 million in capital that had been tied up as security to cover the loans.

Rose will have to pay NatWest for the loans, and to fund the purchase the new vehicle will issue sterling and US dollar-denominated floating rate notes and commercial paper into the Eurobond market, as well as the private placing market in the United States. This is a process known as "securitisation", more widely practised in the US than in the UK.

For investors who buy the Rose paper, the plus side is that they will receive the interest paid by companies on their loans. The downside is that if one of the borrowers defaults then the investor, rather than NatWest, will have to face the loss.

The NatWest Markets team led by Alby Cator, managing director of the bank's debt market group, that created Rose acknowledged that some corporate customers may feel that NatWest is trying to sever its links. More serious, however, are fears that buyers of the new-style Rose securities may hold sway over how their loans are managed in future. But Mr Cator said that NatWest would continue to be the service agent and the point of contact with the company.

Derek Wanless, group chief executive of NatWest Group, did not rule out further acquisitions. "But if we find no immediate use for the extra capital we could return it to shareholders through a share buyback scheme similar to the £450 million exercise we conducted in August."

Rival UK banking houses broadly welcomed the NatWest move. Alan Brown, head of credit policy at Barclays, said: "We already have a somewhat similar vehicle with a company called Sheffield that raises money to buy the loans in the US commercial paper market."

Katherine Newton, bank analyst at UBS, the merchant bank, said: "It provides the best of both worlds where the bank keeps its relationship with customers without the negative effect on profitability."

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Derek Wanless, NatWest chief executive, said there had been no decision on what to do with the extra capital and did not rule out acquisitions.

## Pru prepares for battle with banks

PRUDENTIAL, Britain's biggest life insurer, is taking on the banks. From October 1, the company will offer deposit accounts and mortgages, with the guarantee that savings rates for 1996 and 1997 will be higher than the average rates offered by high street banks and building societies. The Pru has spent £70 million to launch Prudential Banking.

Prudential, which pays out £1 billion a year in maturing policies, of which 70 per cent stays in building societies for a year after, aims primarily to attract its existing customers.

# Britain 'to top Euro economy league'

From Anatole Kaletsky in Washington

*BRITAIN is likely to have the most successful economy in* Europe for the fourth year running in 1997, according to the International Monetary Fund. Its annual assessment of global economic prospects, published yesterday, says that Britain will enjoy a rapid economic growth rate, see a further significant decline in unemployment and show no sign of any serious inflationary problems.

The IMF's *World Economic Outlook*, a document usually filled with stern words of warning against inflation and government improvidence, also conveys a generally encouraging message for most other countries, with the partial exception of Germany and France.

Apart from the standard call for more flexible markets in Japan and Europe, the Fund's main suggestion for policy changes is an unexpected call for Germany to be ready, if necessary, to make further reductions in interest rates. Despite its institutional bias towards austerity, the IMF believes that weak growth and unemployment now pose a bigger threat than inflation to Germany and the rest of continental Europe. In an unusually open hint to the Bundesbank, the IMF adds: "It is still too early to conclude that the recent round of interest rate reductions in Germany has fully run its course."

The IMF says that the world economy will continue its steady non-inflationary expansion, with the growth of world output accelerating from 3.5 per cent in 1995, to 3.8 per cent this year and 4.1 per cent in 1997. But this growth should become better balanced among the major regions, with the US and Asian developing countries slowing slightly, while Europe, Japan, Latin America and Africa all accelerate. Russia should enjoy positive economic growth next year for the first time this decade.

Britain is forecast to grow by 3 per cent in 1997, putting it well ahead of the rest of Europe, and second only to Canada among the G7 countries. And while growth for Britain this year is put at only 2.2 per cent, this is still well ahead of all the G7 countries apart from Japan and the US. The IMF also expects inflation in Britain to decline to 2.4 per cent, from 2.7 per cent, this year. Unusually, it does not seem to share the view of the Bank of England that Britain's interest rates are too low.

Michael Moussa, the IMF's chief economist, said that "British monetary policy is currently appropriate". Looking ahead to 1997, he added that there would need to be only a "modest" firming of interest rates to stay within the Government's inflation target. He said there was no reason to expect sharply higher interest rates in either Britain or America, despite robust growth of demand and declining unemployment.

The IMF also refrained from criticising the Federal Reserve's refusal to raise US interest rates this week. Mr Moussa said that a "slight" firming of US monetary policy would be prudent in the months ahead, but he saw no particular urgency. There was little risk in America of a serious inflationary problem like the one of the late 1980s.

# CBI urges prudent Budget

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Confederation of British Industry urged the Chancellor yesterday to bring forward a "prudent" Budget to ensure that public borrowing is brought back to a sustainable long-term path.

This would leave only "very limited" scope for tax cuts of £1 billion at most, the CBI said.

The employers' organisation cautioned against "radical" action and said the Government's real spending target should be cut by £2 billion.

Any relaxation of personal taxation should be directed towards higher personal allowances to take more people out of tax completely, rather than through a lower basic rate of income tax, the CBI said.

Adair Turner, CBI director-general, said further reductions in spending might be achievable, but the CBI did not want cuts in education and training, nor in spending on the country's transport infrastructure.

☐ Engineering companies declared strong support for key aspects of Conservative policy yesterday in a pre-election business manifesto for the industry.

The EEF's election document, *Engineering: Creating Wealth for Our Future*, strongly supports some key aspects of Conservative policy in areas where it is firmly opposed to Labour. These include continuing the opt-out from the European social chapter, no statutory recognition of trade unions, and no minimum wage.

## BUSINESS TODAY

| STOCK MARKET INDICES | | |
|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100 | 3935.7 | (+25.2) |
| Yield | 3.95% | |
| FT-SE A All share | 1940.13 | (+10.25 |
| Nikkei | 21350.67 | (+178.68) |
| New York: | | |
| Dow Jones | 5870.33 | (-3.70)* |
| S&P Composite | 685.90 | (+0.29)* |
| **US RATE** | | |
| Federal Funds | $5\frac{3}{8}$%* | (5%) |
| Long Bond | $97\frac{19}{32}$* | ($97\frac{4}{32}$) |
| Yield | 6.94%* | (6.96%) |
| **LONDON MONEY** | | |
| 3-mth Interbank | $5\frac{27}{32}$% | ($5\frac{13}{16}$%) |
| Liffe long gilt future (Dec) | 108 | ($107\frac{3}{4}$) |
| **STERLING** | | |
| New York: | | |
| $ | 1.5636* | (1.5655) |
| London: | | |
| $ | 1.5645 | (1.5580) |
| DM | 2.3627 | (2.3576) |
| FFr | 7.9965 | (7.9781) |
| SFr | 1.9298 | (1.9275) |
| Yen | 172.58 | (171.02) |
| £ Index | 86.4 | (86.1) |
| **DOLLAR** | | |
| London: | | |
| DM | 1.5123* | (1.5015) |
| FFr | 5.1184* | (5.0835) |
| SFr | 1.2353* | (1.2250) |
| Yen | 110.36* | (109.07) |
| $ Index | 97.0 | (97.0) |
| Tokyo close Yen 109.65 | | |
| **NORTH SEA OIL** | | |
| Brent 15-day (Dec) | $22.30 | ($22.40) |
| **GOLD** | | |
| London close | $382.45 | ($382.25) |

* denotes midday trading price

# Ford cuts 1,000 jobs in drive to compete

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Editor

FORD is cutting 1,000 jobs from its British workforce as the company battles to compete with increasingly efficient foreign plants.

The company promised that the cuts, scheduled for completion by the end of the year, would be achieved through a programme of voluntary redundancies and early retirements. Workers called to plant meetings yesterday were told that the cutbacks would be across the board, with both white-collar staff and assembly workers asked to leave.

The slimming down is part of a global drive for greater efficiency, ordered by Alex Trotman, Ford's British-born worldwide chairman. The company is trying to bring its main British plants at Dagenham, Essex, and Halewood on Merseyside, into line with its most efficient factories in Belgium and Spain.

Latest figures from the Economist Intelligence Unit show that Ford's operations at Valencia are the company's most efficient. But they still lag behind Nissan in Washington, Tyne and Wear, and Honda in Swindon, Wiltshire.

Ford has 30,000 people in factories across several regions. As well as Dagenham and Halewood, the company has main sites in Southampton, Bridgend and Swansea.

A spokesman said: "It is part of the on-going drive for world-class efficiency levels. It is very important that all our plants can compete with other plants worldwide."

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# PowerGen ends use of 'dirty fuel'

By Christine Buckley

POWERGEN is to abandon orimulsion, the controversial cheap fuel from Venezuela, with the closure of the Ince power station, near Chester.

In March, the generator closed Richborough power station in Kent, another oil-fired plant adapted to burn orimulsion.

A spokesman said that PowerGen's use of orimulsion — dubbed "the world's dirtiest fuel" — had been undertaken as a long-term experiment, but there were now no plans to burn it. The move comes after criticism by environmentalists and legal action alleging damage from fuel fall-out.

PowerGen is to maintain capacity with the reopening of a coal-fired unit at Fiddler's Ferry power station, near Warrington.

PowerGen has settled claims from car companies alleging paint erosion from the bitumen-based fuel. It faces claims from farmers in Kent alleging crop damage.

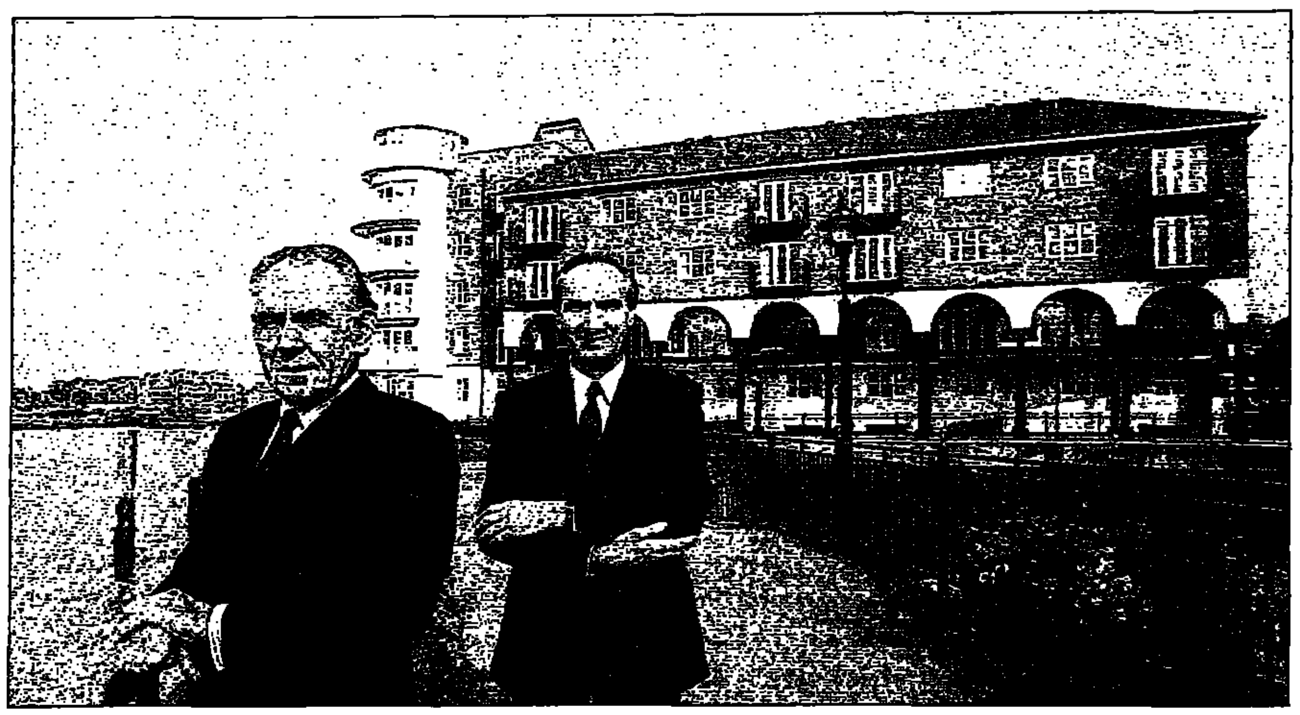
National Power was recently stopped from building a jetty at Milford Haven to import orimulsion for its Pembroke plant, but the generator is still keen to import the fuel.

Ince will close next March, at the end of a five-year contract for the fuel, with the loss of 41 jobs.

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.08 | 1.92 |
| Austria Sch | 17.55 | 16.05 |
| Belgium Fr | 51.44 | 47.14 |
| Canada $ | 2.242 | 2.082 |
| Cyprus Cyp£ | 0.755 | 0.700 |
| Denmark Kr | 9.61 | 8.81 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.64 | 6.99 |
| France Fr | 8.37 | 7.72 |
| Germany Dm | 2.51 | 2.30 |
| Greece Dr | 387 | 362 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.73 | 11.73 |
| Iceland | 115 | 95 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.02 | 0.94 |
| Israel Shk | 5.34 | 4.69 |
| Italy Lira | 2479 | 2324 |
| Japan Yen | 185.70 | 169.70 |
| Malta | 0.602 | 0.547 |
| Netherlds Gld | 2.789 | 2.559 |
| New Zealand $ | 2.39 | 2.17 |
| Norway Kr | 10.61 | 9.81 |
| Portugal Esc | 251.00 | 232.50 |
| S Africa Rd | 7.64 | 6.84 |
| Spain Pta | 204.50 | 191.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.89 | 10.09 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.06 | 1.88 |
| Turkey Lira | 143650 | 135650 |
| USA $ | 1.662 | 1.532 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



Sir Laurie Barratt, left, and Frank Eaton at Princes Riverside, Barratt's development at Rotherhithe, London

# Institutions to get bulk of AEA shares in sell-off

By Paul Durman

PRIVATE investors will receive *only about a fifth of the* shares they applied for in AEA Technology, the nuclear decommissioning and waste management group and the Government's last privatisation before the general election.

Investors applying through their stockbrokers made offers for £156 million of shares, or seven times the number originally reserved for them. Although the Government's advisers increased the size of the "intermediaries offer", from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent of the total shares available, this still meant applications from private investors had to be scaled back heavily.

On average, private investors will receive 22 per cent of *what they applied for.* However, those who applied through large stockbrokers may receive less since large applications were capped at £7.5 million.

Ray Williams, an associate at Brewin Dolphin, the private client stockbroker, said: "A lot of our clients are not satisfied with what they've been allocated. Some of the holdings are fairly tiny. It will make it a very interesting after-market."

First dealings in the shares of AEA Technology will take place this morning, and they are thought likely to move quickly to a premium. J. Henry Schroder, the merchant bank, priced the shares at 280p — at the top of the *range that was only increased* on Monday, just hours before the deadline for brokers' applications. The price values AEA Technology at £224 million.

Michael Read, head of private clients at Greig Middleton, the stockbroker, was irritated that the Government had invoked its right to increase the price of the shares at such a late stage, which left the firm no time to consult its clients. He said: "To change the price like that at the last minute shows a complete lack of understanding about the way the retail market works."

The flotation was heavily backed by AEA Technology's 3,300 staff, who will jointly receive nearly £5 *million of shares, 2.2 per cent of the total.* All but one of them took up their right to £160 of free shares, and 2,300 invested the maximum amount to take up their full £1,510 entitlement.

Peter Watson, AEA's chief executive, said that 2,200 staff had agreed to invest an average of £95 a month into a save-as-you-earn share scheme. This was the equivalent of £11 million to £12 million over the next few years, he added. The bulk of AEA's shares will go to institutional investors who took part in the placing.

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# Barratt says rivals paid too much for land banks

By Paul Durman

SIR Lawrie Barratt, chairman of Barratt Developments, yesterday accused other housebuilders of overpaying for *companies they have bought* for their holdings of land.

Sir Lawrie said that 23 housebuilders have been taken over in the last three years at prices that range from 15 to 85 per cent in excess of the stated value of their assets. He said Persimmon had paid £19 million too much for Ideal Homes, bought for £178 million in February.

"If Persimmon want to throw away £19 million, there's nothing anyone can do about it," Sir Lawrie said. He also welcomed Tarmac's departure from housebuilding, since it was "notorious" for overpaying for land.

Barratt was reporting a 10.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £52.1 million for the year to June 30. Earnings rose 17 per cent to 17.8p a share.

The company completed 7,025 house sales, a 6 per cent improvement on the previous year. The average price also increased 6 per cent to £83,800. Group turnover in*creased 10 per cent to* £634 million.

Although Barratt recently raised £90 million to expand its landbank, Frank Eaton, chief executive, said the company has retained tight control of spending. Land costs remained at 21.8 per cent of projected selling costs. Barratt has increased its land stocks to 20,200 plots. It ended the year with cash of £42 million.

Barratt plans to pay a final dividend of 5.5p on November 22, lifting the total payout 10 per cent to 8.25p a share.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### SFO chief calls for reform over trials

GEORGE STAPLE, Director of the Serious Fraud Office, yesterday called for changes to the way in which large and complex financial trials are conducted. In his first public comment since the collapse of the second Maxwell trial last week, Mr Staple told a London conference on combating financial crime that the system had become "emasculated". *He said* that some cases were so complex that it was impossible to reduce them to a point at which the whole indictment against the defendants could be tried in one trial, so these would be split into a series of trials. However, after last week's Maxwell ruling, in which the judge said that a second trial should be unusual, it was "unlikely" that second trials would ever take place, Mr Staple said.

### German sick pay battle

A WAVE of German companies have *followed Daimler-Benz* by announcing cuts in sick pay, turning up the heat in a battle over liberalising restrictive work rules. Companies from Basf to Bayerische Vereinsbank and Mannesmann are to implement the law, beginning on October 1, that cuts sick pay from 100 per cent of normal wages to 80 per cent. Daimler's works council and unions were outraged. Officials said workers would refuse to work overtime and weekend shifts.

### Gilts auction success

THE latest British gilts auction went well yesterday, with bids totalling 1.73 times the amount on offer. The sale of £3 billion 8 per cent ultra-long gilts due to mature in 2021 was mostly taken up by domestic pension funds and insurance companies, which need very long-dated bonds to match their liabilities. However, traders noted that gilts are still underperforming European bonds, which are profiting from a growing view that European monetary union will take place without Britain.

### Alexon signals payouts

ALEXON, the fashion retailer rescued from near-collapse three years ago, has signalled a return to the dividend list after making profits of £3.03 million (£141,000) for the six months to July 27. Although no payout is proposed at the half-year, Alexon said that it intends to pay £3.4 million next March to preference shareholders, equivalent to 16.7p a share. Payments on ordinary shares are expected in the next half-year. Earnings per share of 4.16p compare with a 0.86p loss last time.

### Circle buying film-maker

CIRCLE COMMUNICATIONS, the film and television rights owner, is acquiring Oxford Scientific Films, the wildlife film specialist, for £3.85 million. The deal expands Circle's wildlife films division, and marks the company's first acquisition since joining the Alternative Investment Market in July. OSF made pre-tax profits of £301,000 in 1995, on sales of £3.9 million. Circle's shares, which joined AIM at 170p, were unchanged at 180½p yesterday.

### Price Waterhouse pays

PRICE WATERHOUSE has agreed to pay £20 million in settlement of its long-running legal dispute with Ferruzzi, the Italian foods-to-chemicals group. The firm's practice in Italy was being sued for about £671 *million for alleged negligence* in its auditing of Ferruzzi, now known as Compart, and its main subsidiary, Montedison. PW admits no liability in making the proposed settlement, which is due to be put to shareholders in November.

# GTech 'defrauded over US lottery bid'

From Quentin Letts
in New York

A FORMER executive of GTech, the American company involved in the British lottery, paid high consultancy fees to gain access to American state legislators and had a double-hire agreement with his company and the consultancy firm that was enriched, a US court has been told. J. David Smith, former US national sales manager for GTech and one of its most valued employees, is accused of defrauding the company by accepting $169,000 in "kickbacks". GTech is paying his legal costs under a contractual agreement, the company said.

The prosecution alleged that Mr Smith paid an "inflated" sum to the consultants, Steven Dandrea and Joseph LaPorta of the Benchmark Group, and then later accepted money from them. At the time, GTech was bidding for work from the New Jersey state lottery. Mr LaPorta had a cousin who was the top aide to Jim Florio, the state's governor, and a high-level meeting was arranged.

Thomas Roth, who is representing Mr Dandrea, said that although it might sound cynical, lottery companies such as GTech were "not looking for hours spent . . . and they're not looking for effort. They are looking for access.". In early arguments, the defence suggested that the $739,047 paid to Benchmark was justified by the ultimate goal of securing the business from New Jersey.

The hearing at a federal court in Newark, New Jersey, is expected to run for a month. Guy Snowden, co-chairman of GTech, who is in dispute with Richard Branson over allegations that he offered Mr Branson a bribe to withdraw his bid to run the British lottery, could be called to give evidence.

The case continues.

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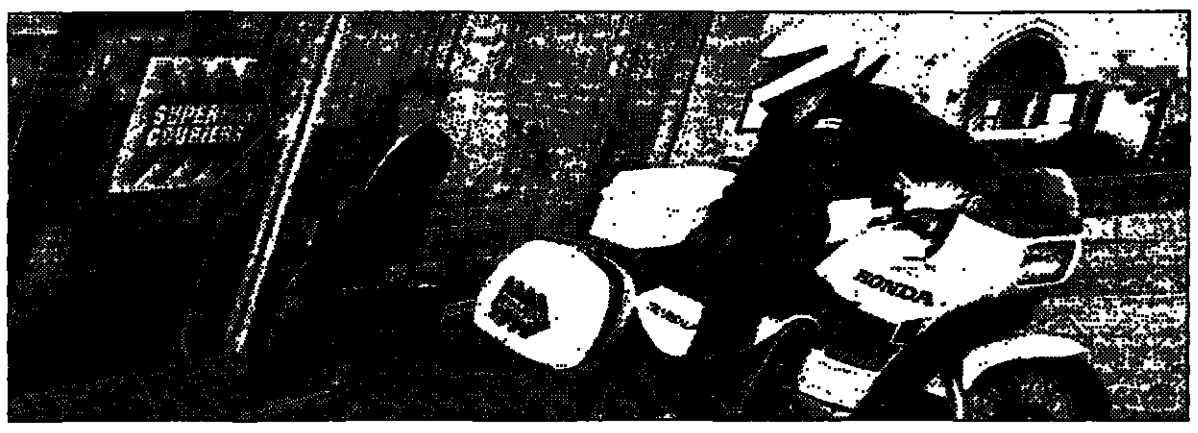

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☐ Questions over NatWest's innovatory debt sale ☐ Company chiefs in the firing line ☐ Brent Walker's £6 million deadline

# A Rose by any other name

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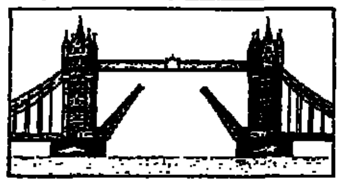

☐ THE notion of wrapping debt up into a neat bundle and selling it off to blue-chip institutions looking for steady if unexciting returns is not a new one. But the innovatory nature of the NatWest's debt sale raises the obvious question of why no bank in Europe has done anything quite like it before.

It also raises any number of other pertinent questions, most of which, the NatWest freely concludes, must remain unanswered at this early stage. Essentially, the bank is taking about a third of its corporate debt off the balance sheet by finding other holders willing to assume a degree of the risk. This should free capital to be used on other ventures which offer rather better returns.

The first question is the views of those debtors, who must be under the impression they had formed a relationship with the bank, and not with whoever their loans are passed on to. A similar securitisation of mortgage debt a few years back caused no end of upset, after all.

NatWest insists that those relationships will continue unchanged, which is not entirely candid; the loans are being shifted elsewhere because the margins in corporate lending, as the bank concedes, are insufficient to make such business worthwhile. So much for relationship banking; such custom as that, as the old song puts it, the banks can get any day.

The ultimate holders of the special purpose vehicles, or Repeat Offering Securitisation Entities (Roses), will presumably pay a discount to the loans' face value. This will be a small one because the debts, we are assured, are culled from the safer end of the corporate loan book.

Pass over the question whether any bank, in the light of recent history, is able to identify a safe loan from one about to disappear down a Eurotunnel-sized hole. Those ultimate holders will assume some risk, and want some matching rights as creditors. Suppose one of those copper-bottomed corporate borrowers, at a later date, goes under. Rather than dealing with the one bank, any future financial reconstruction will have to heed the views of any number of ROSE holders.

NatWest's loan book will also be skewed. Plain common sense suggests that if you cream off the safest third, the remaining two thirds carries a higher risk. Not so, says the bank; why not? And what do the credit rating agencies have to say about that remaining debt?

Then there is the matter of just what NatWest, whose loan-to-asset ratios are already more than acceptable, wants to do with the capital freed. Only a month ago, the bank was using surplus funds to buy back its shares. Perhaps it has since identified some grand new investment. The danger is that NatWest will end up swapping a low-risk, low return asset for a high-risk venture of unquantified returns. We have been there before, and the lesson learned from Third World debt, Crocker *et al* is that caution has its attractions.

## Go-going, going . . . ?

☐ AT least two chief executives of middle-ranking British companies live in fear of losing their jobs. They continue to cling to office, but no one is giving terribly good odds on the survival of Alan Bowkett at Berisford and Peter Aikens at Matthew Clark.

The parallels between the two are even stronger, though. In both, the institutions are concerned that what was reported to shareholders as a limited if serious problem may be a symptom of a deeper malaise. They may want blood, but first they want more information.

First, Matthew Clark. The omens for Mr Aikens are, they now say, rosier even if the shares are still only worth half what they were a fortnight ago when the company drew attention to the damage being done by alco-pops. The market thinks the real mistake is weak spending on marketing, which for branded businesses provides a short-term boost at the expense of longer-term profitability. One institution has called for his head, but a bullish trading statement since from Bass, perpetrator of the market leader in alco-pops, Hooper's Hooch, may have buttressed his position. Odds on his survival: maybe 40 per cent.

Berisford's own warning drew attention to a strike, which can perhaps happen to anyone these days, and a hitherto undetected weakness in the American restaurant market — undetected, that is, by the big restaurant chains who buy Berisford's fast-food kit. The institutions would like to know what really is wrong, and Mr Bowkett has not left too many friends behind in the wake of his meteoric rise to this point. Survival odds: no better than 20 per cent.

The closest parallel between Clark and Berisford, though, is that both have been heavily promoted for their growth prospects, which have been fuelled by bundles of City cash. These are precisely the sort of businesses that came nastily unstuck in the late 1980s, in the wake of the last market crash. Bull markets are nervous places, witness both companies' share plunges, and they are unforgiving of those who fall behind. The bosses of several other go-go concerns will be watching developments at the two with interest.

## Russian roulette

☐ THE new Russia is a tough place to do business, and some has clearly rubbed off on George Walker, if the former boxer ever needed another injection of toughness. There was much puzzlement on Tuesday when he threatened, on being awarded more than £6 million by a French court, to put Brent Walker into receivership if the money was not paid.

This would have forced an orderly sale of the remaining parts of his former empire, the Pubmaster chain and the William Hill betting shops. The problem was that the banks were already staging an orderly asset sale. They had no hope of getting all of their £1.4 billion of debt back — the two between them are probably not worth half that — but most had been written off anyway. The arrival of a receiver to carry out the same task would not benefit Mr Walker. On receivership he would merely be just another unsecured creditor, owed £6 million and with no chance of getting it back.

Yesterday Mr Walker gave the banks a week to put this sum into escrow pending legal appeals, or he would pull the rug. But it seems that those asset sales are not the only benefit locked away within Brent Walker; there are £200 million of tax losses available to the banks. These disappear, it is argued, on receivership. £6 million is a relatively paltry sum, by comparison. It might just be in the interest of the banks, who threw Mr Walker out of the company he created five years ago, to pay up. Nice tax loss you've got here, Guv. Wouldn't want anything to happen to it.

## Gloom and boom

☐ A FUTUROLOGIST consultancy, Market Dynamics, has invented a new category to go with dinkies, yuppies and all the other social tribes. Despite the general economic well-being half of us, apparently, fear for our financial future, and two fifths worry about crime. The trend is strongest among those born in the baby-boom years just after the War. Those baby-boomers are now baby-gloomers.

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# Ibstock issues warning after first-half fall

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

A WEAK bricks market and poor pulp prices were held up as major problems for Ibstock when it gave warning that profits this year would not match last year's.

Ibstock, the United Kingdom's second-biggest bricks company after Hanson, delivered its warning after reporting an 82 per cent slump in first-half pre-tax profits to £2.4 million.

The company said that forestry, which in the first six months fell into a £1.3 million loss from a comparable profit of £6 million, was unlikely to recover its loss. The bricks business, meanwhile, faced improving but difficult markets. Ibstock said that pre-tax profits for the full year would be "significantly" lower than last year's £16.7 million.

Although signs of life are being reported in housebuilding, Sir Colin Hope, Ibstock's chairman, said that UK brick despatches this year were forecast to be the lowest on record. He said the general outlook was improving but "only gradually, and from a low base".

In the first half, Ibstock was hit by low demand in UK bricks and harsh weather in the US, leading to the temporary halting early this year of brick production. Results were also hit by highly volatile pulp prices. The company said pulp prices over the past year had soared to $1,000 per tonne but had then slumped to $400 per tonne. Sales fell 38 per cent to £22 million.

The company bought Redland's brick division earlier this year and is looking to make annual cost savings of £6 million from fusing the businesses. It said that it was on target to realise these savings by next year, having bought the operation in July. So far, three factories have been closed.

Ibstock froze its interim dividend at 0.75p a share, payable on December 2.

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# Clarke plea on money laundering

By Oliver August

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, will urge Commonwealth finance ministers today at their annual conference in Bermuda to adopt a tough new code to fight money laundering, said to be the world's third-largest industry.

The Treasury has designed an "anti-money laundering tool kit" for developing countries. It includes a comprehensive list of measures to keep out or detect the proceeds from criminal activities.

The kit is based on successful measures adopted in the Treasury's fight to keep drug money out of Britain. It details how governments can make laws against different forms of money-laundering and techniques for investigating illegal cash flows.

Mr Clarke will ask finance ministers to follow the example of the Cayman Islands which established a new Monetary Authority this week.

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# Oriental to go for £14m flotation

By Fraser Nelson

ORIENTAL Restaurant Group is taking its four-strong chain of Chinese and Thai eateries to the stock market via a flotation valuing the company at £14.7 million.

Hock Ann Chua, an accountant who is co-founder and managing director, will be made a paper millionaire by the placing, which values his 11.2 per cent stake at £1.64 million.

The company is raising £4 million from the float to double the number of restaurants in two years and expand its wholesale activities.

In the year to March 31, Oriental made profits of £646,000 before tax, on sales of £4.48 million. This left earnings of 8.2p per share.

Greig Middleton has placed 2.6 million shares with institutions at 154p each. They begin trading next Thursday.

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# GrandMet disposes of Pearle for £140m

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the food and drinks conglomerate, has sold Pearle, the American eye care business earmarked for disposal since 1993 (George Sivell writes).

Cole National Corporation, one of the big players in the US eye care market, is to pay £140 million for Pearle, which has 183 outlets in Europe and a further 692 in North America and the Caribbean.

Cole operates more than 1,000 optical stores under the names Sears Optical, Montgomery Ward Vision Centre, BJ's Optical and Target Optical. It is getting Pearle for its book value, including £64 million for the Pearle brand. Grand Met has written off £265 million of goodwill on the Pearle business over the years. Pearle had sales of £232 million in the year to September 30, 1995, generating operating profits of £10 million.

John McGrath, Grand Met chief executive, said: "Pearle does not fit our strategy of focusing on market-leading food and drink businesses. Its disposal is consistent with our drive to improve on our return on invested capital and release cash from areas where we cannot earn satisfactory

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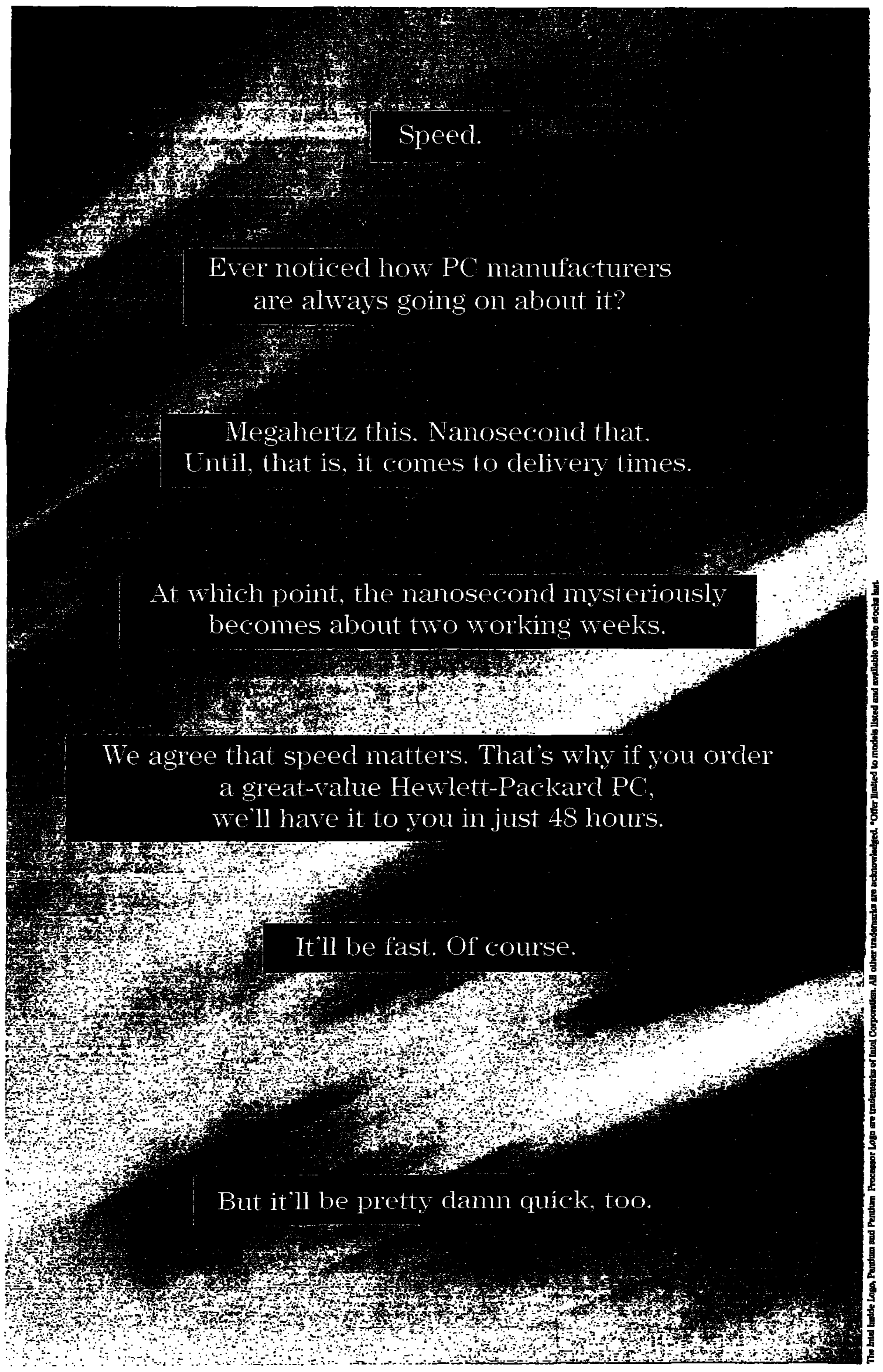
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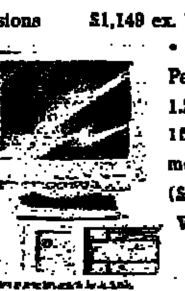

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# Vodafone falls as big investor unloads stock

Railtrack rose 2p on good news from Robert Horton

SHARES of **Vodafone**, the mobile telephone operator, were left hovering just 7½p above their low after one big institutional shareholder unloaded a large holding on the market.

BZW is believed to have picked up almost 20 million shares, less than 1 per cent of the company, at 215p, as part of a bought deal before selling them on to various institutional clients at 218p. That is a cool profit of about £600,000.

But the move left Vodafone nursing a fall of 3p at 219p as a total of 45 million shares were traded. That compares with a high for the year of 266p and underlines market worries about the problems of increased competition.

However, the fall in the share price will come as little surprise to Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, which has been a bear of Vodafone for some time. It has been telling clients that Vodafone will struggle to increase market share short-term.

Elsewhere in the telecom sector, **BT** ended 5p lower at at 362½p with the market poised for a major announcement from the company later this morning. Whispers circulating around the Square Mile last night suggested BT is expected to unveil details of a £1 billion deal, which might involve the purchase of another company in the US or Europe.

Share prices generally bounced back as uncertainty over the outlook for interest rates during the next few months eased. The decision of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to peg rates at current levels was warmly received. Prices in London were chased higher and closed just below their best of the day with a rise in the FT-SE 100 index of 25.2 at 3,935.7. A total of 691 million shares changed hands.

Among leaders, **P&O** rose a further 18p to 595p on the back of encouraging traffic numbers and "buy" recommendations from both Panmure Gordon, the broker and rival UBS. But **Hanson** fell 4p to a new low 152¼p. Shares of its Millennium Chemical division have been heading south on the grey market in New York ahead of the proposed demerger.

**National Westminster Bank** rose 14½p to 676p after reshuffling $5 billion of corporate loans to free up to £250 million of extra capital. The money may be used to buy back its own shares.

**Kwik Save** dropped 25p to 341½p on the back of a "sell" recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing. It has been telling clients the shares are overvalued, currently trading at a 20 per cent premium to the rest of the market. It says the shares should be sold down to the 300p level and dividend growth next year will be, at best, flat.

**Britannic Assurance** stood out with a rise of 18p at 706½p after some positive comments from Williams de Broe, the broker. It has put a value on the assets of 850p a share.

**SmithKline Beecham** received an early boost with the news that the US Food and Drug Administration had given the thumbs-up to Denavir, its treatment for recurrent cold sores. Denavir will be available in the US on prescription. The shares rose 9½p to 749½p.

Further speculative buying lifted **Zeneca** 8½p to £15.54½ although the shares closed below their best of the day. There has been persistent talk of a bid from one of the big European pharmaceutical operators.

**Railtrack** remains a favourite among institutional and private shareholders alike with the price coming within a whisker of the 300p mark after a positive comment on current trading at the annual meeting. Robert Horton, chairman, said trading was broadly in line and that improved reliabilty and punctuality were producing "heartening results". The price closed 2p firmer at a new peak of 298p, after touching 299p.

A warning about the second half left **Ibstock** 7½p down at 57p. The bricks and forest products group said weak pulp prices and the continuing recession in the housebuilding market would lead to significantly lower profits.

The City gave a cautious thumbs-up to full-year figures from **Barratt Developments**, up 6p at 274½p, where pre-tax profits grew £5 million to £52.1 million despite the dull backdrop to the housebuilding industry. The group reassured brokers by telling them it had added to its land bank without paying over the odds.

Brokers shrugged off a drop in profits from **Harrisons & Crosfield**, the building products and animal feeds group, at the halfway stage. The shares rose 7½p to 143p.

**Norish**, the Irish cold storage group, was rewarded with a rise of 10p to 85p after reporting a return to the black in the first six months.

Still reflecting Tuesday's figures, **McKechnie** rose 18½p to 569½p.

Some positive comments about second-half trading lifted **Brake Brothers** 5p to 749p.

On the Alternative Investment Market, **Weeks Group**, the Kent soil tester and structural engineer, got off to a positive start following a placing of 55 million shares at 5p. They started life at 6¾p before closing at 7p, a premium of 2p.

A profits warning and subsequent boardroom reshuffle left **Creighton's Naturally** nursing a fall of 6p at 54p.

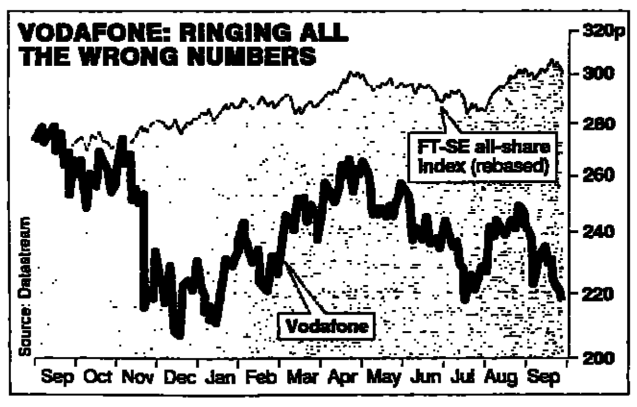
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A delay in publishing the subscription level for the latest auction provided for an initial bout of nervousness. In the event, the £3 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was 1.73 times subscribed. The rest of the market eventually regained its poise.

In the futures pit, turnover reached its highest level for some time with 112,000 contracts completed as the December series of the long gilt rose £17/32 to finish at £108. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £¼ better at £99 1/16. At the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent firmed £5/16 to £103 7/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street climbed off the morning's lows by midday when the Dow Jones industrial average was 3.70 points weaker at 5,870.33.

**Securicor put on 5½p at 270p amid revived talk that the Government may eventually relent and allow BT to buy the remaining 40 per cent stake in Cellnet held by the company. Brokers say the asking price would be more than £1 billion against Securicor's own stock market price tag of £1.58 billion.**

VODAFONE: RINGING ALL THE WRONG NUMBERS



## MAJOR INDICES

**New York (midday):**

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| Dow Jones | 5870.33 (-3.70) |
| S&P Composite | 685.90 (+0.29) |

**Tokyo:**

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| Nikkei Average | 21350.67 (+178.68) |

**Hong Kong:**

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| Hang Seng | 11603.53 (+56.83) |

**Amsterdam:**

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| EOE Index | 570.61 (+6.64) |

**Sydney:**

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| AO | 2252.8 (+24.1) |

**Frankfurt:**

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| DAX | 2658.97 (+20.52) |

**Singapore:**

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| Straits | 2165.19 (+4.92) |

**Brussels:**

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| General | 9732.61 (+60.34) |

**Paris:**

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| CAC-40 | 2103.41 (+21.91) |

**Zurich:**

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| SKA Gen | 772.80 (+6.80) |

**London:**

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| FT 30 | 2816.6 (+14.9) |
| FT 100 | 3935.7 (+25.2) |
| FT-SE Mid 250 | 4403.1 (+14.9) |
| FT-SE-A 350 | 1963.9 (+11.3) |
| FT-SE Eurotrack 100 | 1711.38 (+13.08) |
| FT A All-Share | 1940.13 (+10.25) |
| FT Non Financials | 2041.26 (+8.56) |
| FT Fixed Interest | 113.36 (+0.13) |
| FT Govt Secs | 93.27 (+0.09) |
| Bargains | 35208 |
| SEAQ Volume | 691.7m |
| USM (Datastrm) | 204.37 (+0.11) |
| US$ | 1.5642 (+0.0062) |
| German Mark | 2.3623 (+0.0049) |
| Exchange Index | 86.4 (+0.2) |
| Bank of England official close (4pm) | |
| £:ECU | 1.2314 |
| £:SDR | 1.0767 |
| RPI | 153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100 |
| RPIX | 152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100 |

## RECENT ISSUES

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| Amer Opps U Ln | 95 | - 5 |
| Barbican Health | 62½ | ... |
| Cruden Bay | 84½ | - 1 |
| Dairy Crest Group | 187½ | + 2 |
| Dentmaster Hldgs | 4 | ... |
| Electronic Retail | 220½ | + 4½ |
| Fayrewood | 45½ | ... |
| GT Chile Gwth Fd | 2571½ | - 09½ |
| Grosvenor Land | 15¾ | + 1 |
| Hambros Smlr Asn C | 65 | ... |
| Hartstone 8% Cm Cv | 125 | ... |
| Hoare Govett 1000 C | 97½ | ... |
| Life Numbers | 12 | ... |
| Life Numbers Wts | 5 | ... |
| Pemberstone Wrts | 6 | ... |
| Polydoc | 70½ | ... |
| Schrod Emg Cou Wts | 39 | ... |
| Schrod Emg Countrs | 93½ | + ¼ |
| Selector | 68 | ... |
| Weeks Group | 7 | ... |

## RIGHTS ISSUES

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| BICC n/p (270) | 25 | + 2 |
| Davis Fin Ut ULS n/p | 44 | ... |
| FII Group n/p (105) | 3½ | ... |

## MAJOR CHANGES

| RISES: | |
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| Concentric | 197p (+27½p) |
| Southnews | 386½p (+19p) |
| Chiroscience | 370½p (+13p) |
| P & O | 595p (+18p) |
| Ryl Bk Scot | 484p (+12½p) |
| Britannic | 706½p (+18p) |
| Seton Health | 527½p (+13p) |
| Enterprise | 531p (+12p) |
| Logica | 737½p (+16p) |
| Nat West | 676p (+14½p) |
| Scot & New | 678½p (+12p) |
| **FALLS:** | |
| Thorpe FW | 165p (-17½p) |
| Kwik Save | 341½p (-25p) |
| Cater Allen | 390p (-21½p) |
| Matthew Clark | 330½p (-13p) |
| More O'Ferrall | 689p (-19p) |
| BTG | 2175p (-50p) |
| Norbain | 465p (-10p) |
| Azlan | 722½p (-15p) |
| Granada | 858½p (-12p) |

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## TEMPUS

# House that Lawrie built

THE stock market loves a simple story, and the story of Barratt Developments is just too good to ignore. To recap: Sir Lawrie Barratt, grand old man of British housebuilding, retires at the height of the 1980s property boom. The company immediately falls off a cliff, and plunges to losses of £100 million. Sir Lawrie comes back from retirement and returns Barratt to prosperity, pausing only to hurl brickbats at Government housing policy.

Barratt's revival continues unabated. Reality is rather more complicated than the well-worn story and Sir Lawrie — a year away from a second retirement at 70 — paid tribute to Frank Eaton, the low-key chief executive.

Barratt has managed to increase its UK house sales to more than 7,000 in a market that many builders found difficult. Some 4,000 of these were on the back of the part-exchange deals that Barratt pioneered. Despite the cost of these and other incentives margins remained at 11 per cent.

Barratt aroused some concern six months ago when it raised £90 million to buy more land as part of a plan to increase UK sales to 11,000 by the year 2000. So far, it seems to be spending wisely. Land costs as a proportion of projected selling price have remained stable. With many rivals looking to buy land by taking over other housebuilders, Barratt regards planning difficulties as a bigger problem. The shares have risen from around 180p a year ago to 274½p, up 6p yesterday, outperforming the market by more than 35 per cent. With Barratt heading for profits of £65 million or so this year, they remain a sound bet for those who expect a continuing recovery in the housing market.

## Ibstock

IF THE three pigs were building their houses today, the chances are the one made of bricks would not necessarily be seen as the safest.

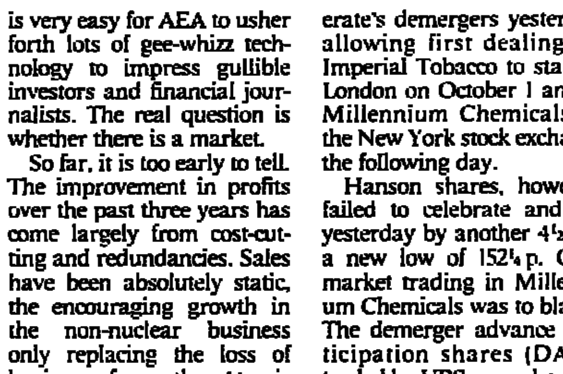
Ibstock, which yesterday joined the growing list of building group casualties, has cemented a big consolidation in the bricks market with its purchase of Redland's brick division. But cut-throat pricing still prevails and the mauling of Ibstock's shares shows just how close the wolf is to the door.

Ibstock has positioned itself a very close second to bricks market leader Hanson with a 30 per cent share, just one percentage point behind Hanson. It vaulted into this position on the strength of the Redland acquisition and earlier purchase of Tarmac's bricks. Such amalgamation will, in time, push through considerable benefits. But the bricks market remains weak and, while showing improvement, has a long way to recover.

Problems have been compounded by poor weather in America, where production was halted early in the year. But the Ibstock pig cannot turn to its house of wood for solace — the company's forestry business has been pretty grim. Pulp prices have turned a £6 million profit into a £1.3 million loss, not expected to be recovered by the year-end.

Size will prove to be important for Ibstock and it has taken the measures to achieve large market presence. But they will take a while to feed through.

DROPPING A BRICK



## AEA Tech

JUDGING by the level of share applications, the first dealings in AEA Technology look set to open at a healthy premium this morning. If nothing else, the success of this privatisation proves that investors are not intrinsically shy of nuclear power.

Of course, decommissioning nuclear reactors and managing radioactive waste form only part of AEA Technology's business — as the company has been keen to stress. Nearly half AEA's £250 million of sales comes from a varied mix of non-nuclear activities. These include environmental testing and analysis, high-tech instrumentation, computer software and mobile phone batteries. In fact, AEA's boffins bear a resemblance to Q in the James Bond films — seemingly expert in every technology known to man.

This is both a great strength and, potentially, a source of future problems. It is very easy for AEA to usher forth lots of gee-whizz technology to impress gullible investors and financial journalists. The real question is whether there is a market.

So far, it is too early to tell. The improvement in profits over the past three years has come largely from cost-cutting and redundancies. Sales have been absolutely static, the encouraging growth in the non-nuclear business only replacing the loss of business from the Atomic Energy Authority.

On the positive side, AEA's management looks strong and its highly-qualified staff have heavily backed this float with their own money. AEA certainly looks an interesting opportunity, but cautious investors may prefer to hold back until it has established more of a track record.

## Hanson

HANSON shareholders overwhelmingly approved the first two of the conglomerate's demergers yesterday, allowing first dealings in Imperial Tobacco to start in London on October 1 and in Millennium Chemicals on the New York stock exchange the following day.

Hanson shares, however, failed to celebrate and fell yesterday by another 4½p to a new low of 152¼p. Grey market trading in Millennium Chemicals was to blame. The demerger advance participation shares (DAPS) traded by UBS were showing a price of $32 a week ago, which translates into a 29p contribution to the present Hanson share price.

Yesterday the DAPS slipped to $23⅞, reducing the contribution to the Hanson share price to 22p. The outlook for the chemicals industry has not changed greatly but the market is preparing itself for selling of Millennium by Hanson shareholders. They are not expected to want to hold the US listed stock once it starts trading.

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| Sep | 995-966 | Dec | 1065-1064 |
| Dec | 994-993 | Mar | 1077-1074 |
| Mar | 1014-1013 | May | 1096-1084 |
| May | 1028-1026 | Jul | 1098-1094 |
| Jul | 1041-1040 | | |
| Sep | 1055-1054 | | Volume: 3031 |

**ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 1575-1572 | May | 1410-1405 |
| Nov | 1525-1524 | Jul | 1409-1400 |
| Jan | 1467-1465 | Sep | 1410-1395 |
| Mar | 1430-1425 | | Volume: 3279 |

**WHITE SUGAR (FOB)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reuters | | Aug | 329.5-28.6 |
| Spot: 335.0 | | Oct | 322.2-21.1 |
| Dec | 329.5-28.1 | Dec | 325.7-22.1 |
| Mar | 328.0-27.0 | Mar | 328.2-22.6 |
| May | 328.0-26.6 | | Volume: 798 |

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 24

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 109.16 | 113.01 | 93.46 |
| (+/-) | +0.14 | -4.92 | -1.88 |
| Eng/Wales: | 109.06 | 113.41 | 92.80 |
| (+/-) | -0.41 | -4.73 | -1.56 |
| (%) | -18.0 | -11.0 | -10.0 |
| Scotland: | 109.94 | 111.00 | 95.96 |
| (+/-) | -2.77 | -6.00 | -4.13 |
| (%) | +9.0 | -22.0 | +15.0 |

### ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

**CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 22.85 | +0.15 |
| Brent 15 day (Nov) | 22.80 | +0.15 |
| Brent 15 day (Dec) | 22.30 | +0.15 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Nov) | 24.00 | +0.20 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Dec) | 23.45 | +0.20 |

**PRODUCTS ($/MT)**

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Unld | 203 (+1) | 205 (+1) |
| Gasoil EEC | 232 (+2) | 234 (+2) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 116 (+1) | 117 (n/c) |
| Naphtha | 216 (n/c) | 218 (n/c) |

**IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)**

**GAS OIL**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct | 224.75-25.00 | Jan | 203.75-04.00 |
| Nov | 217.00-17.25 | Feb | 196.00-96.75 |
| Dec | 210.00-10.50 | | Vol: 15036 |

**BRENT (6.00pm)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 22.79-22.81 | Feb | 21.07-21.09 |
| Dec | 22.27-22.29 | Mar | 20.50 BID |
| Jan | 21.68 SLR | | Vol: 30360 |

### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT (close £/t) | | BARLEY (close £/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 106.40 | Nov | 103.90 |
| Jan | 108.15 | Jan | 105.00 |
| Mar | 109.90 | Mar | 106.40 |
| May | 111.75 | May | 107.90 |
| Jul | 113.50 | | |
| Volume: 328 | | Volume: 209 | |

| POTATO (£/t) | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Nov | unq | 35.0 |
| Mar | ... | 73.0 |
| Apr | 69.0 | 68.0 |
| | | Volume: 121 |

**RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)**
Oct 87.00-87.50

**BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)**

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sep 96 | 998 | 998 | 995 |
| Oct 96 | 1130 | 1119 | 1122 |
| Nov 96 | 1200 | 1185 | 1193 |
| Jan 97 | 1241 | 1230 | 1230 |
| Vol: 342 lots | | Open Interest: 4447 | |

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| (Official) (Volume prev day) | LONDON METAL EXCHANGE | | Rudolf Wolff |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A ($/tonne) | Cash: 1930.0-1934.0 | 3mth: 1939.0-1940.0 | Vol: 1788325 |
| Lead ($/tonne) | 779.00-779.50 | 783.00-783.50 | 178425 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 994.00-995.00 | 1020.0-1021.0 | 37825 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 6010.0-6020.0 | 6075.0-6080.0 | 30825 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1364.0-1365.0 | 1400.0-1400.5 | 1252300 |
| Nickel ($/tonne) | 7145.0-7150.0 | 7265.0-7269.0 | 93468 |

## LIFFE OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Puts Oct | Puts Jan | Puts Apr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Dom | 430 | 34½ | 42 | 47 | 0½ | 10 | 14 |
| (*453) | 460 | 5½ | 17 | 25 | 12 | 29 | 33½ |
| ASDA | 100 | 6½ | 9½ | 12 | 1 | 3½ | 4 |
| (*105½) | 110 | 1 | 4½ | 6 | 5½ | 8 | 9 |
| Boots | 600 | 38½ | 49 | 61½ | 0½ | 10½ | 14½ |
| (*636) | 650 | 6 | 19½ | 32½ | 17½ | 32 | 36½ |
| Br Airways | 500 | 38 | 46 | 59 | 0½ | 8½ | 12½ |
| (*536) | 550 | 4½ | 17 | 30 | 16½ | 29 | 33½ |
| BP | 600 | 42 | 51½ | 59 | 0½ | 8 | 15 |
| (*639½) | 650 | 6 | 21 | 32 | 19½ | 28 | 36 |
| Br Steel | 180 | 13½ | 17 | 20 | 1 | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*192) | 200 | 2 | 6½ | 10½ | 9½ | 16 | 18 |
| C & W | 420 | 39½ | 47½ | 58½ | 0½ | 7 | 12½ |
| (*457½) | 460 | 9 | 22 | 35 | 11½ | 23 | 28½ |
| CU | 550 | 51½ | 65 | 72½ | 0 | 6 | 17 |
| (*599½) | 600 | 11½ | 31½ | 40½ | 10 | 21½ | 39 |
| ICI | 800 | 28½ | 52½ | 64 | 7 | 19 | 33 |
| (*822½) | 850 | 9½ | 27 | 37½ | 33½ | 44½ | 59 |
| Land Sec | 700 | 11 | 24 | 39½ | 8½ | 21½ | 26 |
| (*700½) | 750 | 0 | 8 | 15½ | 49½ | 57 | 58 |
| M & S | 500 | 10 | 22½ | 32½ | 7½ | 17 | 21 |
| (*501½) | 550 | 0 | 5 | 12½ | 48½ | 51½ | 53½ |
| Nat West | 650 | 28½ | 50 | 59 | 5½ | 18 | 30 |
| (*671½) | 700 | 5 | 24 | 33 | 32 | 43 | 59 |
| Safeway plc | 330 | 10½ | 20 | 28 | 5 | 13 | 18 |
| (*335½) | 360 | 0½ | 8 | 15 | 25 | 31½ | 35½ |
| Sainsbury | 360 | 22½ | 29½ | 37 | 1 | 6½ | 10 |
| (*380½) | 390 | 4 | 13 | 20½ | 12 | 20½ | 24 |
| Shell | 950 | 37 | 59½ | 73½ | 2½ | 12½ | 24½ |
| (*981½) | 1000 | 6½ | 29½ | 43 | 23 | 33½ | 47½ |
| Smkl Bch | 736 | 21½ | — | — | 9 | — | — |
| (*747) | 785 | 3½ | — | — | 39½ | — | — |
| Storehse | 280 | 21 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*299½) | 300 | 6 | — | — | 5½ | — | — |
| Trafalgar | 50 | 1 | — | — | 0½ | — | — |
| (*50) | 60 | 0 | — | — | 10 | — | — |
| Zeneca | 1550 | 42 | 91 | 116½ | 28 | 61½ | 82 |
| (*1554½) | 1600 | 25 | 66½ | 95 | 57½ | 87 | 108 |
| | **Series** | **Nov** | **Jan** | **Apr** | **Nov** | **Jan** | **Apr** |
| BAT Ind | 420 | 36 | 44½ | 51½ | 6 | 9½ | 21 |
| (*447½) | 460 | 13 | 21½ | 30½ | 23 | 27 | 41½ |
| Vodafone | 200 | 23 | 25 | 30½ | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| (*219½) | 220 | 9½ | 13 | 19 | 8½ | 12 | 15 |
| | **Series** | **Nov** | **Feb** | **May** | **Nov** | **Feb** | **May** |
| Grnd Met | 460 | 26½ | 35 | 41½ | 6½ | 18½ | 21½ |
| (*476) | 500 | 7 | 15½ | 23 | 27½ | 40½ | 43½ |
| Ladbroke | 200 | 13 | 19½ | 22 | 4 | 6½ | 10½ |
| (*208½) | 220 | 3 | 9½ | 12½ | 14 | 17 | 21 |
| Utd Bisc | 200 | 9½ | 15 | 17½ | 5½ | 9 | 14 |
| (*207½) | 220 | 3½ | 7 | 9½ | 19½ | 21½ | 26½ |

September 25, 1996 Tot: 32822 Call: 12942 Put: 19880 FT-SE Call: 4382 Put: 6404
*Underlying security price.

| | Series | Calls Oct | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Puts Oct | Puts Jan | Puts Apr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 460 | 36 | 42 | 52½ | 0½ | 6 | 10½ |
| (*494) | 500 | 6½ | 19 | 28½ | 12 | 20½ | 26½ |
| Thames W | 500 | 48½ | 53 | 62½ | 0 | 6 | 12 |
| (*546½) | 550 | 4 | 20½ | 33 | 10 | 24½ | 32 |
| | **Series** | **Nov** | **Feb** | **May** | **Nov** | **Feb** | **May** |
| BTR | 260 | 16½ | 23½ | 25½ | 3 | 6½ | 10½ |
| (*271) | 280 | 6 | 12½ | 14½ | 12½ | 15½ | 20½ |
| Br Aero | 1000 | 65 | 91 | 101½ | 11 | 23 | 32½ |
| (*1048) | 1050 | 33½ | 61 | 74½ | 30 | 43 | 54 |
| Br Telcm | 360 | 13½ | 20½ | 25 | 8 | 17 | 20 |
| (*362½) | 390 | 3 | 8½ | 13 | 28 | 36½ | 38 |
| Cadbury | 500 | 25 | 40 | 44½ | 9 | 15½ | 25 |
| (*512) | 550 | 5½ | 17½ | 21 | 39½ | 43½ | 53½ |
| Guinness | 420 | 36 | 44½ | 50½ | 3 | 7 | 13 |
| (*454) | 460 | 10 | 20 | 27 | 18 | 22½ | 31½ |
| GEC | 390 | 16 | 25 | 32½ | 8 | 15 | 17½ |
| (*396) | 420 | 4 | 11 | 18½ | 26 | 32 | 34½ |
| Hanson | 140 | 15 | 17½ | — | 1 | 4½ | — |
| (*152½) | 160 | 4 | 7 | — | 9½ | 13½ | — |
| LASMO | 200 | 17½ | 23½ | 27 | 3 | 4 | 6½ |
| (*214) | 220 | 6 | 11½ | 16 | 11 | 12½ | 15 |
| LucasVarity | 240 | 12½ | 20½ | 25 | 8½ | 13 | 16 |
| (*243) | 260 | 4 | 11½ | 16 | 19½ | 24½ | 27 |
| Pilkington | 180 | 11 | 16 | 20½ | 4 | 7½ | 9½ |
| (*186½) | 200 | 2½ | 7½ | 11½ | 16½ | 19 | 20½ |
| Prudential | 420 | 39½ | 50 | 55 | 2½ | 7½ | 15 |
| (*452½) | 460 | 14 | 25½ | 31½ | 16 | 23 | 33 |
| Redland | 420 | 28 | 40 | 47½ | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| (*444½) | 460 | 7 | 19½ | 27½ | 27½ | 33 | 40½ |
| R-Royce | 240 | 9 | 17 | 20½ | 9½ | 14 | 18 |
| (*240) | 260 | 2½ | 9 | 12½ | 23½ | 26½ | 30 |
| Tesco | 300 | 14 | 23 | 28 | 6 | 11½ | 17½ |
| (*304½) | 330 | 3½ | 10 | 14½ | 26 | 29 | 34½ |
| Williams | 330 | 21½ | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| (*345½) | 360 | 5 | — | — | 17½ | — | — |

**FT-SE INDEX (*3935)**

| | 3800 | 3850 | 3900 | 3950 | 4000 | 4050 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Calls** | | | | | | |
| Oct | 157 | 113½ | 73½ | 41½ | 19 | 7 |
| Nov | 179 | 139 | 101½ | 70½ | 45½ | 27 |
| Dec | 209 | 169½ | 133½ | 103 | 74 | 50 |
| Jan | 222½ | 184 | 152 | 119½ | 94 | 69 |
| Jun | 291½ | — | 228 | — | 177½ | — |
| **Puts** | | | | | | |
| Oct | 7½ | 13 | 23½ | 42½ | 73 | 115½ |
| Nov | 20 | 30 | 43 | 62 | 88½ | 123 |
| Dec | 36 | 46½ | 61½ | 80 | 105 | 134½ |
| Jan | 50 | 62 | 79½ | 97½ | 122½ | 149½ |
| Jun | 108½ | — | 143 | — | 190½ | — |

| | Series | Calls Dec | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Dec | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abby Nat | 600 | 31 | 45 | 50½ | 19 | 37 | 38 |
| (*604½) | 650 | 10½ | 23 | 29 | 50 | 67 | 67 |
| Amstrad | 140 | 16½ | — | — | 6½ | — | — |
| (*147) | 160 | 7½ | — | — | 17½ | — | — |
| Barclays | 900 | 62½ | 81 | 90½ | 15 | 34½ | 41 |
| (*934½) | 950 | 33 | 53 | 63 | 36 | 58½ | 64½ |
| Blue Circ | 360 | 37½ | 44 | 49½ | 4½ | 7½ | 12 |
| (*389) | 390 | 17½ | 25 | 31 | 14 | 18 | 24½ |
| Br Gas | 200 | 8 | 13½ | 16 | 9½ | 11½ | 17½ |
| (*204) | 220 | 2½ | 6½ | 8½ | 23½ | 25½ | 31 |
| Dixons | 500 | 46½ | 58½ | 69½ | 8 | 15 | 19½ |
| (*533½) | 550 | 18 | 30½ | 41½ | 30 | 37 | 41½ |
| EMI Group | 1350 | 62 | 84½ | 112 | 41 | 58½ | 70½ |
| (*1350) | 1400 | 39 | 61 | 87 | 69 | 85½ | 96½ |
| Tarmac | 90 | 8 | 10½ | 11 | 4 | 4½ | 6½ |
| (*97) | 100 | 3½ | 6 | 6½ | 9½ | 10 | 12 |
| Hillsdwn | 180 | 7½ | 11½ | 13½ | 8 | 10 | 15½ |
| (*180½) | 200 | 1½ | 4½ | 6 | 22½ | 23½ | 29 |
| Lonrho | 160 | 22½ | 25 | 27 | 1 | 3 | 4½ |
| (*179) | 180 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 7 | 10½ | 12½ |
| Sears | 90 | 6½ | — | — | 2½ | — | — |
| (*93½) | 100 | 2½ | — | — | 8½ | — | — |
| Thorn EMI | 1700 | 39 | — | — | — | — | — |
| (*1716½) | 1800 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tomkins | 260 | 24 | 28½ | 33 | 4½ | 9 | 10½ |
| (*277) | 280 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 12½ | 17 | 19½ |
| Lloyds TSB | 360 | 29 | 36 | 39½ | 7 | 15 | 17 |
| (*377½) | 390 | 12½ | 19½ | 24 | 20 | 30½ | 32½ |
| | **Series** | **Oct** | **Jan** | **Apr** | **Oct** | **Jan** | **Apr** |
| Glaxo W | 950 | 29 | 59 | 79 | 10 | 29½ | 44½ |
| (*967½) | 1000 | 7 | 34½ | 53 | 38 | 57½ | 70½ |
| HSBC | 1200 | 29 | 68½ | 88 | 20 | 44 | 69½ |
| (*1204½) | 1250 | 9½ | 45 | 65 | 51 | 71½ | 98 |
| Reuter | 750 | 17½ | 46 | 62 | 13½ | 30½ | 43½ |
| (*754) | 800 | 2½ | 24 | 39 | 48 | 59 | 71½ |
| | **Series** | **Oct** | **Jan** | **Apr** | **Oct** | **Jan** | **Apr** |
| Royal & Sun | 394 | 14½ | 25½ | 31 | 6 | 16 | 26 |
| (*404½) | 431 | 1 | 10½ | 14½ | 33½ | 39 | 50 |
| | **Series** | **Oct** | **Feb** | **May** | **Oct** | **Feb** | **May** |
| Kingfishr | 600 | 48½ | 66 | 75 | 2 | 14 | 21½ |
| (*648) | 650 | 10 | 35½ | 45½ | 18½ | 31 | 43½ |
| | **Series** | **Oct** | **Dec** | **Mar** | **Oct** | **Dec** | **Mar** |
| Unilever | 1350 | 35½ | 51 | 75 | 7½ | 22 | 34 |
| (*1375) | 1400 | 8½ | 24½ | 48 | 31 | 47½ | 58½ |
| | **Series** | **Dec** | **Apr** | **Jul** | **Dec** | **Apr** | **Jul** |
| Natl Pwr | 360 | 44 | 51½ | 58½ | 3½ | 8½ | 9½ |
| (*399) | 400 | 16 | 27½ | — | 16½ | 22 | — |
| Scot Pwr | 294 | 20 | 26 | — | 6½ | 12 | — |
| (*305) | 323 | 5 | 12 | — | 21 | 27½ | — |

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Sett | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE 100<br>Previous open interest: 56825 | Dec 96 | 3958.0 | 3980.0 | 3953.0 | 3973.0 | 12288 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | 3985.0 | 0 |
| FT-SE 250<br>Previous open interest: 3551 | Dec 96 | | | | 4435.0 | 0 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | | 0 |
| Three Month Sterling<br>Previous open interest: 427570 | Dec 96 | 94.04 | 94.04 | 93.98 | 94.03 | 31216 |
| | Mar 97 | 93.86 | 93.88 | 93.81 | 93.86 | 21124 |
| | Jun 97 | 93.54 | 93.57 | 93.50 | 93.56 | 18700 |
| Three Mth Euro Yen | Mar 97 | 99.21 | 99.22 | 99.21 | 99.21 | 1472 |
| | Jun 97 | 99.02 | 99.02 | 99.02 | 99.02 | 225 |
| Three Mth Euro DM<br>Previous open interest: 1027119 | Dec 96 | 96.82 | 96.85 | 96.81 | 96.85 | 45285 |
| | Mar 97 | 96.73 | 96.78 | 96.73 | 96.77 | 23825 |
| Long Gilt<br>Previous open interest: 131036 | Sep 96 | 108-11 | 108-17 | 108-06 | 108-22 | 745 |
| | Dec 96 | 107-18 | 108-01 | 107-08 | 108-00 | 114578 |
| Japanese Govmt Bond | Dec 96 | 122.31 | 122.36 | 122.18 | 122.25 | 1161 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | 121.32 | 0 |
| German Gov Bd Bund<br>Previous open interest: 228199 | Dec 96 | 98.40 | 98.77 | 98.26 | 98.68 | 203139 |
| | Mar 97 | 97.36 | 97.69 | 97.31 | 97.69 | 1064 |
| Three month ECU<br>Previous open interest: 21396 | Dec 96 | 95.81 | 95.84 | 95.80 | 95.83 | 1364 |
| | Mar 97 | 95.77 | 95.80 | 95.77 | 95.80 | 701 |
| Euro Swiss Franc<br>Previous open interest: 76570 | Dec 96 | 98.18 | 98.28 | 98.18 | 98.26 | 9979 |
| | Mar 97 | 98.09 | 98.16 | 98.08 | 98.16 | 6450 |
| Italian Govmt Bond<br>Previous open interest: 77608 | Dec 96 | 119.40 | 120.17 | 119.39 | 119.95 | 71203 |
| | Mar 97 | | | | 119.25 | 0 |

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅝ ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²³⁄₃₂-5²¹⁄₃₂ | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂ | 6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆ |
| Interbank: | 5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5¾-5²¹⁄₃₂ | 5¾-5²¹⁄₃₂ | 5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂ | 6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆ |
| Overnight: open 5¾, close 5½ . | | | | | |
| Local Authority Deps: | 5¹¹⁄₁₆ | n/a | 5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5⅞ | 6⅛ |
| Sterling CDs: | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂ | 5²⁵⁄₃₂-5²³⁄₃₂ | 6³⁄₃₂-6¹⁄₃₂ |
| Dollar CDs: | 5.33 | n/a | 5.44 | 5.65 | 5.96 |
| Building Society CDs: | 5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆ | 5¾-5²¹⁄₃₂ | 5¾-5²¹⁄₃₂ | 5²⁷⁄₃₂-5¾ | 6¹⁄₁₆-6⅛ |

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆ | 5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆ | 5¾-5⅝ | 5-4 |
| Deutschemark: | 3¹⁄₁₆-2¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 3¹⁄₁₆-2⅞ | 3¹⁄₁₆-2¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 3⅛-3 | 3¼-2¼ |
| French Franc: | 3⅞-3¾ | 3⅞-3¾ | 3⅞-3¾ | 3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆ | 4-3 |
| Swiss Franc: | 1⁹⁄₁₆-1⁷⁄₁₆ | 1⅝-1½ | 1⅝-1½ | 1⅝-1½ | 2-1 |
| Yen: | ⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ | ⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ | ⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆ | ⅝-½ | 1-par |

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.70-383.00 Close: $382.20-382.70 High: $383.40-383.90
Low: $381.90-382.40 AM: $383.25 PM: $382.40

Krugerrand: $381.00-383.00 (£243.00-245.00)

Platinum: $388.25 (£248.30) Silver: $4.92 (£3.145) Palladium: $119.00 (£76.10)

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for Sept 25 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 2.6413-2.6503 | 2.6479-2.6503 | ¾-⅝pr | 2-1¾pr |
| Brussels | 48.460-48.703 | 48.609-48.703 | 14-9pr | 37-30pr |
| Copenhagen | 9.0450-9.0987 | 9.0798-9.0887 | 1¼-1⅛pr | 5¼-4¼pr |
| Dublin | 0.9707-0.9736 | 0.9720-0.9733 | 4pr-par | 5pr-1ds |
| Frankfurt | 2.3556-2.3638 | 2.3615-2.3638 | ⅝-½pr | 1¾-1½pr |
| Lisbon | 239.68-240.65 | 240.42-240.65 | ⅛-¼ds | ⅛-¼ds |
| Madrid | 198.06-198.85 | 198.57-198.85 | 19-28ds | 51-68ds |
| Milan | 2361.3-2370.8 | 2367.0-2370.8 | 4-5ds | 13-15ds |
| Montreal | 2.1342-2.1396 | 2.1367-2.1389 | 0.37-0.32pr | 0.71-0.63pr |
| New York | 1.5624-1.5656 | 1.5640-1.5650 | 0.065-0.045pr | 0.125-0.095pr |
| Oslo | 10.056-10.082 | 10.070-10.080 | ⅛-½pr | ⅛-¼pr |
| Paris | 7.9680-8.0011 | 7.9920-8.0011 | 1⅛-1½pr | 4½-4¼pr |
| Stockholm | 10.218-10.333 | 10.312-10.333 | ⅛-¼pr | ⅛-¼pr |
| Tokyo | 171.58-172.67 | 172.45-172.67 | ⅝-½pr | 2½-2¼pr |
| Vienna | 16.568-16.631 | 16.614-16.631 | ⅞-⅝pr | 1⅞-⅞pr |
| Zurich | 1.9233-1.9312 | 1.9284-1.9312 | ⅝-½pr | 2⅛-2pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

## DOLLAR RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Australia | 1.2631-1.2639 |
| Austria | 10.62-10.63 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.10-31.14 |
| Canada | 1.3665-1.3670 |
| Denmark | 5.8030-5.8050 |
| France | 5.1108-5.1133 |
| Germany | 1.5095-1.5100 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7318-7.7323 |
| Ireland | 1.6073-1.6093 |
| Italy | 1512.90-1514.40 |
| Japan | 110.23-110.28 |
| Malaysia | 2.5012-2.5022 |
| Netherlands | 1.6926-1.6931 |
| Norway | 6.4445-6.4475 |
| Portugal | 153.66-153.71 |
| Singapore | 1.4080-1.4090 |
| Spain | 126.93-126.98 |
| Sweden | 6.5845-6.5920 |
| Switzerland | 1.2322-1.2327 |

## OTHER STERLING

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 1.5645-1.5671 |
| Australia dollar | 1.9754-1.9772 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5830-0.5950 |
| Brazil real* | 1.5910-1.5953 |
| China yuan | n/a |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7165-0.7265 |
| Finland markka | 6.9975-7.1135 |
| Greece drachma | 368.50-375.50 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.0949-12.1034 |
| India rupee | 55.30-56.26 |
| Indonesia rupiah | 3589.0-3657.6 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4635-0.4735 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 3.9130-3.9166 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.2356-2.2383 |
| Pakistan rupee | 57.20 Buy |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.6300-5.7540 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.2027-2.2056 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 7.0050-7.1070 |
| U A E dirham | 5.6775-5.8015 |

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## FT-SE VOLUMES

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3i | 507 | LucasVarity | 3,500 |
| ASDA Gp | 12,300 | Marks Spr | 3,300 |
| Abbey Ntl | 2,600 | NatWst Bk | 3,300 |
| Allied Dom | 635 | Nat Grid | 1,600 |
| Argos | 160 | Nat Power | 2,400 |
| AB Foods | 673 | Next | 4,300 |
| BAA | 2,300 | Orange | 1,500 |
| BAT Inds | 7,100 | P & O | 1,700 |
| BOC | 158 | Pearson | 407 |
| BP | 3,900 | Pilkington | 1,300 |
| BSkyB | 1,500 | PowerGen | 813 |
| BTR | 13,400 | Prudential | 5,200 |
| BT | 12,100 | RMC | 131 |
| Bk of Scot | 3,500 | RTZ | 763 |
| Barclays | 5,300 | Railtrack | 7,000 |
| Bass | 1,000 | Rank Org | 1,900 |
| Blue Circle | 1,200 | Reckitt Col | 758 |
| Boots | 2,100 | Redland | 3,200 |
| BAe | 999 | Reed Intl | 732 |
| BA | 1,400 | Rentokil | 2,200 |
| Brit Gas | 3,000 | Reuters | 2,200 |
| Brit Steel | 8,500 | Rolls Royce | 5,800 |
| Burmah Cstl | 457 | Royal & Sun | 3,200 |
| Burton | 4,100 | Royal Bk Sct | 2,100 |
| Cable Wire | 2,600 | Safeway | 4,300 |
| Cadbury | 2,400 | Sainsbury | 3,900 |
| Carlton Cms | 2,800 | Schroders | 395 |
| Cm Union | 844 | Scot & New | 1,200 |
| Courtaulds | 1,900 | Scot Power | 6,100 |
| Dixons | 1,500 | Svrn Trent | 1,500 |
| EMI | 1,300 | Shell Trans | 19,300 |
| Enterpr Oil | 1,100 | Siebe | 1,800 |
| GKN | 1,100 | SmKl Bch | 4,100 |
| GRE | 3,100 | Smith Nph | 2,500 |
| GUS | 1,900 | Smiths Inds | 63 |
| Gen Acc | 541 | Sthern Elec | 478 |
| Gen Elec | 1,400 | Std Chartd | 2,200 |
| Glaxo Well | 5,500 | TI Gp | 793 |
| Granada | 4,500 | Tate & Lyle | 402 |
| Grand Met | 3,100 | Tesco | 5,000 |
| Guinness | 2,700 | Thames W | 911 |
| HSBC | 843 | Tomkins | 4,700 |
| Hanson | 25,200 | Unilever | 3,600 |
| ICI | 1,700 | Utd Utilities | 1,000 |
| Kingfisher | 792 | Utd News | 803 |
| LASMO | 1,400 | Vodafone | 45,100 |
| Ladbroke | 3,400 | Whitbread | 795 |
| Land Secs | 735 | Wilms Hld | 1,100 |
| Legal & Gn | 4,700 | Wolseley | 1,200 |
| Lloyds TSB | 6,900 | Zeneca | 1,300 |

## WALL STREET

| | Sep 25 midday | Sep 24 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| AMR Corp | 81¼ | 80¾ |
| ASA | 38¾ | 39¼ |
| AT & T | 50¾ | 51½ |
| Abbott Labs | 48¼ | 48 |
| Advanced Micro | 15¼ | 14¼ |
| Aetna Life | 67¼ | 67¼ |
| Ahmanson (HF) | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 58 | 58 |
| AirTouch Comm | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Alberto-Culver B | 44¾ | 44¼ |
| Albertson's | 41¼ | 40¾ |
| Alcan Alumnm | 30½ | 30¾ |
| Alco Standard | 48¾ | 48¼ |
| Allied Signal | 64¼ | 63¾ |
| Alum Co of Am | 58¾ | 58¾ |
| Amax Gold Inc | 5¾ | 6 |
| Amerada Hess | 53¼ | 53¼ |
| Amer Brands | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Amer El Power | 41¼ | 41¼ |
| Amer Express | 45¼ | 45 |
| Amer Genl Corp | 38 | 38¼ |
| Amer Home Pr | 63 | 63¼ |
| Amer Intl | 98¼ | 98¼ |
| Amer Stores | 40 | 39¾ |
| Amer Standard | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Ameritech | 54¾ | 54¼ |
| Amoco | 70½ | 70¾ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 39¼ | 39¼ |
| Apple Computer | 22⅛ | 22¼ |
| Archer Daniels | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| Armco | 4¼ | 4¼ |
| Armstrng Wrld | 62¼ | 63¾ |
| Asarco | 26¼ | 27 |
| Atl Richfield | 125¾ | 125¼ |
| Auto Data Pro | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Avery Dennison | 54 | 54¼ |
| Avon Products | 49¾ | 49 |
| Baker Hughes | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26 | 25¼ |
| Banc One | 41¼ | 40¾ |
| BankAmerica | 80¼ | 80¼ |
| Bank of NY | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 78¾ | 81 |
| Barnett Banks | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Baxter Intl | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Becton Dicknsn | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Bell Atlantic | 59 | 58¾ |
| Bell Industries | 19¼ | 19½ |
| BellSouth | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Black & Decker | 41¼ | 41 |
| Block (H&R) | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| Boeing | 94¾ | 94¼ |
| Boise Cascade | 31¼ | 32 |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 95¼ | 95 |
| Browning Ferris | 25 | 24¾ |
| Brunswick | 24¼ | 24¼ |
| Burlington Nthn | 84¾ | 84¾ |
| CMS Energy Corp | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| CNA Financial | 97¼ | 97¼ |
| CPC Intl | 73¾ | 73¼ |
| CSX | 51¼ | 52 |
| Campbell Soup | 78¼ | 78 |
| Can Pacific | 23 | 23 |
| Carolina Pwr | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Caterpillar | 75¼ | 75¼ |
| Central & SW | 26¼ | 25¾ |
| Champion Intl | 45¼ | 46¼ |
| Chase Manhat | 74¼ | 74¼ |
| Chevron Corp | 62 | 62¼ |
| Chrysler | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Chubb Corp | 45 | 45¼ |
| Cigna Corp | 117¼ | 118¼ |
| Citicorp | 89¼ | 89¼ |
| Clorox | 97 | 97 |
| Coastal Corp | 41¼ | 41¼ |
| Coca Cola | 51¼ | 51¼ |
| Coca Cola Ent | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 88 | 87¼ |
| Columbia Gas | 56¼ | 57 |
| ColumbiaHCA | 58¼ | 58¼ |
| Compaq Comp | 63 | 62¼ |
| Comp Ass Intl | 61¼ | 61¼ |
| Conagra | 47¼ | 47 |
| Conrail | 73¼ | 73¼ |
| Cons Edison | 28 | 28¼ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 54 | 53¼ |
| Cooper Inds | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Corestates | 43¾ | 43¼ |
| Corning Inc | 38¼ | 38 |
| Crown Cork | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Dana Corp | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| Dayton Hudson | 33¼ | 34¼ |
| Deere | 41¼ | 41¼ |
| Delta Air Lines | 71¼ | 71¼ |
| Deluxe Corp | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Digital Equip | 40¼ | 41¼ |
| Dillard Dept St | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Disney (Walt) | 62¼ | 62¼ |
| Dominion Res | 38 | 37¾ |
| Donelley (RR) | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Dover Corp | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| Dow Chemical | 81¾ | 82¼ |
| Dow Jones | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Dresser | 29¼ | 29 |
| Duke Power | 47¾ | 47 |
| Dun & Bradstreet | 60¼ | 60 |
| Du Pont | 86¼ | 87¼ |
| Eastman Chem | 57¼ | 56¼ |

| | Sep 25 midday | Sep 24 close |
|---|---|---|
| Eastman Kodak | 76¼ | 76 |
| Eaton Corp | 59¼ | 59¼ |
| Edison Intl | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| Emerson Elec | 90¼ | 89¼ |
| Engelhard Corp | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Enron Corp | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Entergy | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Ethyl Corp | 9 | 9 |
| Exxon | 85¾ | 86¼ |
| FMC Corp | 67¾ | 67¼ |
| FPL Group | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Federal Express | 77¼ | 76¼ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| First Bk Sys | 66¼ | 66¼ |
| First Union Rlty | 6¼ | 6¼ |
| Fleet Finl Grp | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Fluor Corp | 63¼ | 62¼ |
| Ford Motor | 30¼ | 31¼ |
| GTE Corp | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Gannett | 70¼ | 69¼ |
| Gap Inc Del | 30¼ | 31¼ |
| Gen Dynamics | 65¼ | 64¼ |
| Gen Electric | 90 | 90 |
| Gen Mills | 57¼ | 57¼ |
| Gen Motors | 47¾ | 48¼ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 141¼ | 141 |
| Gen Signal | 42¼ | 41¼ |
| Genuine Parts | 43 | 42¼ |
| Georgia Pac | 77¼ | 77¼ |
| Gillette | 68¼ | 68¼ |
| Glaxo Wellc ADR | 30¼ | 29¼ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 43¼ | 43¼ |
| Goodyear Tire | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Grace (W&R) | 73¼ | 73¼ |
| Grt All Pac Tea | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| Halliburton | 50¼ | 50¼ |
| Harcourt General | 56 | 55¼ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 33 | 33 |
| Hercules | 55 | 54¼ |
| Hershey Foods | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Hewlett Packard | 48¾ | 48¼ |
| Hilton Hotels | 110¼ | 108¼ |
| Home Depot | 55¼ | 56¼ |
| Homestake Mng | 15¼ | 15¼ |
| Honeywell | 63¼ | 63¼ |
| Household Intl | 80¼ | 80¼ |
| Houston Inds | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Humana | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| ITT Corp | 43¼ | 44 |
| Illinois Tool | 72¼ | 73¼ |
| Illinova | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| INCO | 30¼ | 31¼ |
| Ingersoll Rand | 46 | 46¼ |
| Inland Steel | 18 | 17¼ |
| Intel Corp | 96¼ | 96¼ |
| IBM | 125¼ | 124¼ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 43¼ | 44¼ |
| Intl Paper | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| James River Va | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 50¼ | 50¼ |
| Kellogg | 69 | 69 |
| Kerr-McGee | 60¼ | 59¼ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 86¼ | 85¼ |
| Kmart | 9¼ | 9¼ |
| Knight-Ridder | 38 | 36¼ |
| Lilly (Eli) | 63¼ | 64 |
| Limited Inc | 19¼ | 19¼ |
| Lincoln Nat | 45 | 45¼ |
| Litton | 47¼ | 47 |
| Liz Claiborne | 36¼ | 35¼ |
| Lockheed Martin | 91¼ | 90 |
| Louisiana Pac | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| MCI Comm | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Marriott Intl | 55¼ | 55¼ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 96¼ | 97¼ |
| Masco Corp | 29¼ | 30¼ |
| May Dept St | 47 | 48¼ |
| Maytag Corp | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| McDonalds | 47¼ | 48¼ |
| McDonnell D | 51¼ | 51¼ |
| McGraw Hill | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Mead Corp | 59¼ | 59¼ |
| Medtronic | 62 | 61¼ |
| Mellon Bk | 59 | 58¼ |
| Melville Corp | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Merck Inc | 69¼ | 69¼ |
| Merrill Lynch | 63¼ | 63¼ |
| Microsoft | 136¼ | 136¼ |
| Minnesota Mine | 69¼ | 69¼ |
| Mobil Corp | 117¼ | 118¼ |
| Monsanto | 36¼ | 35¼ |
| Morgan (JP) | 88¼ | 88¼ |
| Motorola Inc | 52¼ | 52¼ |
| Natl Semi | 19¼ | 20¼ |
| Natl Service Ind | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Navistar Int | 9 | 9 |
| NY Times A | 33¼ | 32¼ |
| Newmont Mng | 50¼ | 51 |
| Niag Mohawk | 8 | 8¼ |
| Nike B | 123¼ | 123¼ |
| NL Industries | 10 | 9¼ |
| Noram Energy | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Nordstrom | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 89¼ | 89¼ |
| Nthn State Pwr | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Norwest Corp | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Nynex Corp | 43¼ | 43¼ |
| Occidental Pet | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| Ohio Edison | 19¼ | 19¼ |

| | Sep 25 midday | Sep 24 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle | 43 | 43¼ |
| Oryx Energy Co | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Overseas Ship | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| Owens Corning | 37 | 37¼ |
| PHH Corp | 29¼ | 30¼ |
| PPG Industries | 53¼ | 53¼ |
| PNC Bank | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| PP&L Res | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Paccar Inc | 48¼ | 48¼ |
| Pacificorp | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| Pac Enterprises | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| Pac Gas & Elect | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| Pac Telesis | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| Pall Corp | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Parker Hannifin | 43 | 42¼ |
| Peco Energy | 23¼ | 24 |
| Penney (JC) | 55¼ | 56 |
| Pennzoil | 57¼ | 53¼ |
| Pepsico | 29¼ | 30 |
| Pfizer | 76 | 75¼ |
| Pharm & Upjhn | 42¼ | 42 |
| Phelps Dodge | 61¼ | 61¼ |
| Philip Morris | 90¼ | 91¼ |
| Phillips Pet | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Pitney Bowes | 52¼ | 52¼ |
| Polaroid | 44 | 44¼ |
| PriceCostco | 19¼ | 20¼ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 95¼ | 95¼ |
| Providian | 42¼ | 43 |
| Pub Serv E & G | 27 | 27 |
| Quaker Oats | 36 | 36¼ |
| Ralston Purina | 67¼ | 67¼ |
| Raychem Corp | 76 | 75¼ |
| Raytheon | 54¼ | 54¼ |
| Reebok Intl | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Reynolds Metals | 51 | 51¼ |
| Rockwell Intl | 56¼ | 55¼ |
| Rohm & Haas | 64¼ | 65 |
| Royal Dutch | 155¼ | 155¼ |
| Rubbermaid | 24¼ | 24¼ |
| SBC Comms | 48¼ | 48¼ |
| Safeco Corp | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| St Paul's Cos | 55¼ | 55¼ |
| Salomon Inc | 46¼ | 45¼ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 34¼ | 33¼ |
| Schering Plough | 59¼ | 59¼ |
| Schlumberger | 83¼ | 83¼ |
| Seagram | 36¼ | 35¼ |
| Sears Roebuck | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Shell Trans | 94¼ | 93¼ |
| Sherwin Wllms | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Skyline Corp | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Snap-On-Tools | 32 | 32¼ |
| Southern Co | 22¼ | 22¼ |
| Sprint Corp | 40¼ | 39¼ |
| Stanley Works | 26¼ | 25 |
| Sun Company | 23 | 23 |
| Sun Microsys | 62¼ | 61¼ |
| Suntrust | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Supervalu | 27¼ | 27¼ |
| Sysco Corp | 33¼ | 33¼ |
| TRW Inc | 96¼ | 96¼ |
| TCC Inds | 1¼ | 1¼ |
| Tandem Comp | 12 | 12¼ |
| Tandy Corp | 42¼ | 42¼ |
| Temple Inland | 52¼ | 52¼ |
| Tenneco | 51¼ | 51¼ |
| Texaco | 94¼ | 95¼ |
| Texas Inst | 56¼ | 57¼ |
| Texas Utilities | 40¼ | 40¼ |
| Textron | 84¼ | 85¼ |
| Time Warner | 36¼ | 36¼ |
| Times-Mirror A | 44¼ | 44¼ |
| Timken | 38¼ | 38¼ |
| Torchmark | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Toys R Us | 28¼ | 28¼ |
| Transamerica | 71¼ | 71¼ |
| Travelers | 47¼ | 47¼ |
| Tribune | 76 | 76¼ |
| Tyco Int | 43¼ | 43¼ |
| UST Inc | 30¼ | 30¼ |
| UAL | 46¼ | 46¼ |
| US Inds | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| US West Comm | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| USX Marathon | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| Unicom | 26 | 25¼ |
| Unilever NV | 159 | 159¼ |
| Union Camp | 49 | 49¼ |
| Union Carbide | 45¼ | 45¼ |
| Union Pacific | 72¼ | 72¼ |
| Unisys Corp | 6¼ | 6¼ |
| USAir Group | 17¼ | 17¼ |
| USF&G Corp | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| US Life | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| United Tech | 119¼ | 119¼ |
| Unocal Corp | 35¼ | 35¼ |
| VF Corp | 62¼ | 61¼ |
| WMX Tech | 32¼ | 32¼ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 26¼ | 26¼ |
| Warner-Lambert | 64¼ | 63¼ |
| Wells Fargo | 259¼ | 257 |
| Westinghouse El | 18¼ | 18¼ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 45¼ | 46¼ |
| Whirlpool | 52¼ | 52¼ |
| Whitman | 22¼ | 22 |
| Winn Dixie | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| Woolworth | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 58¼ | 58¼ |
| Xerox | 54¼ | 53¼ |
| Yellow Corp | 13¼ | 13¼ |

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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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## Wedded to his work

PETER Middleton, who was partying at home until 11.30 on Monday night after his wedding in Fulham, has postponed his honeymoon to ensure he *does not miss* a quarterly staff meeting at Salomon Brothers.

Instead, the former Lloyd's chief executive will take a long weekend in October and whisk his bride, Anita, to Paris on her first visit to the romantic city.

David Potter, chairman and chief executive of Guinness Mahon, was among the crowd that gathered to admire Middleton in his wedding togs. Although the suit was old, Middleton assures me that the red tie was new. He bought it on his way through Frankfurt airport last Saturday, after a tour of Salomon Brothers' new offices in Germany.

## Fat-cat caution

MICHAEL Paterson, co-founder of the Oriental Restaurant Group, was boasting yesterday that he receives only £24,000 a year as finance director. The Oxford graduate and former stockbroker, who is set to float the company at a value of £14.7 million, said he would not accept a penny more. Lunching at Imperial City, 48-year-old Paterson said: "People do take high salaries for non-risk jobs in the City and I think it's wrong . . . Somebody else could do my job if they were a qualified accountant." He added, however, that it was quite all right to maintain a 9.32 per cent stake in the company, which will be worth £1.37 million on flotation.

"Let's say we are broadly in line with expectations"

## Written off

A thief found rich pickings from Flemings, from which 200 rollerball pens bearing the "Fleming Select" pension scheme name have been stolen. The investment house is offering a £50 reward after the pens went from a van parked in a west London street before a conference for company pension-scheme managers. "It was very upsetting," says Philip Beale, a Flemings director, who says that each pen cost £2 to replace.

## Trump card

While Diana, Princess of Wales, is fund-raising across the Atlantic, she and Marla Maples may wish to find a quiet corner in Manhattan and ponder credit cards. The Princess had her Harvey Nichols store card refused, and Donald Trump's wife has now had a similar experience at her hairdresser's, according to US reports. Marla was thought to be "double dipping" because her secretary was using her Visa card at the same time, to order household goods for her boss.

*Professor Patrick Minford, adviser to the Chancellor, received an apology last night from hosts of a dinner he addressed. Tim Lewis, planning manager at RBS Advanta, regretted sending invitations to hear "Sir" Patrick Minford at the launch of the RBS Advanta Gold Card. "I am profoundly apologetic, but believe it will only be a matter of time," he said soupily.*

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# Benefits abound when the boss is just the hired help

**Ian Brodie** on the trend for companies to appoint temps in top jobs

Charlie Farrell is an executive temp. With 30 years of experience in management, he answered the call from a troubled furniture manufacturer in California for an interim chief executive officer. He saved the company, Tropitone Furniture, by reducing its bloated inventory, improving delivery times and making a quarter of the employees redundant. Then he organised his own departure by finding a permanent chief executive to take his place. The board was so impressed that they asked him to stay on as part-time chairman.

Temporary work is no longer just for typists. Mr Farrell is part of a burgeoning trend in the US and, increasingly, in Europe. Companies are turning to highly paid, up-market temps with specialist skills to help them out of a hole or to take on a particular project.

The search for brains to rent for a limited time has spawned a thriving new category of temping agencies. They employ recruiters who must be highly knowledgeable about the nuances of finding exactly the right corporate stop-gap, often in a hurry. Putting a wanted advertisement in a shop window or the local paper is not the answer any more. In this exalted realm, a likely prospect often needs to be wooed over lunch with promises of a growing resumé of top-notch jobs, albeit held briefly.

A striking example of a company turning to an outside executive for temporary help was last week's appointment by PepsiCo Inc. of Karl von der Heyden to be chief financial officer and vice-chairman for a year. A former chief of RJR Nabisco, his main roles at Pepsi will be to help to chart a strategy in the wake of several operational problems and to find a "world-class" chief financial officer to succeed him. Wall Street approved of the idea. The company's shares promptly jumped 50 cents to $29.50.

In Mr Farrell's case, he is 66 and would probably be considered obsolete in a traditional career structure. As a temp-in-charge, it took him 30 months to turn Tropitone around, but since then he has served as trouble-shooter at two other companies, each worth $50 million, that were on the brink of foreclosure. He claims to have an intuitive sense of sizing up a problem and then deciding how to modernise operations, sales, marketing and finance. He said: "It's called crisis management, and when the crisis is over I leave."

Paul Dinte, an Australian in his thirties, owns an executive temping agency in Washington that after three years employs 17 people. He is currently looking for an interim executive to oversee the retooling and development of a corporation during a planned growth spurt. The assignment will be for three to six months. Mr Dinte must decide if any of the freelance executives on his books fit the bill or whether his researchers should try to uncover a new candidate.

Sales director Roy Smith, redundant and desperate, took to the road near Cheltenham before finding new work

The idea of executive temping first occurred to Mr Dinte when he was working in the City of London for a firm of financial advisers. One day he was sent out as a consultant to a company handling insurance, a subject about which he knew nothing. He became convinced consultants were over-rated and that their role could be performed more effectively and cheaper in the short term by implementers with the right hands-on experience.

Mr Dinte described a changing employment market at the top: "The gold watch club is dead. Corporations are into downsizing and are no longer prepared to keep masses of people on the payroll for ever."

Expanding companies, opting for flexibility, now seek interim managers and project leaders for specific tasks. The phenomenon cuts across many industries, but is especially prevalent in chemicals, plastics, finance, telecommunications, law firms, retailing and healthcare.

The shift from lifetime service with one company to a career punctuated by rapidly changing jobs is chronicled in *The Portable Executive* by John Thompson, a pioneer of interim management and chairman of Imcor Inc., a leading temp agency. He is a proponent of executives building their own job security by moving from corporate dependency to self-direction.

He found that layoffs at America's top companies had reached an average of 2,600 a day, creating far more qualified managers and executives than permanent openings for them to fill. Yet in a flourishing economy the very corporations that were cutting back now have a rising demand for managerial skills on an as-needed basis.

Mr Thompson forecasts an era of far greater mobility among executives as they move from one assignment to the next. He has observed that many benefit from their new-found professional independence and enjoy greater levels of personal satisfaction. They are often far better off financially. He admits, though, that some find it nerve-wracking to be worrying all the time about their next assignment.

*In addition to finding executives, the expanding temporary placement firms also fill thousands of specialist professional slots.* Interim Services, a big staffing company in Florida, provides doctors for clinics at 160 General Motors factories around the US. A California company, On Assignment Inc., has nearly 50 branches supplying chemists, biologists and other scientists for laboratory jobs lasting two weeks to four months. As an example, a pharmaceutical company recently took on a team of temps to shepherd a new prescription drug through the laborious approval process required by the US Food and Drug Administration.

As with Mr Farrell, outstanding temps are often taken on the staff. In the highest executive categories, about a third get offers. Annual receipts from temping have reached close to $40 billion a year in the US. The number of Americans working as temps on any given day exceeded two million for the first time last year. Of these, 120,000, or 6 per cent, were in the professional category, up from 2.5 per cent five years ago. Demand continues to grow. Unemployment has dropped to 5 per cent, a seven-year low, making the search for skilled staff increasingly difficult. Ray Marcy, chief executive of Interim Services, reckons there will be five million temps in the US by 2000, with Europe following suit. He said: "We've already seen tremendous changes. A few years ago we thought of temps as holiday replacements or people between jobs. Now companies are paying a premium to utilise the skills of highly-qualified people, but only when necessary."

Top-drawer temping is promoted by the agencies as offering an enhanced lifestyle and greater flexibility than a regular nine-to-five grind. It enables young mothers with law degrees to work 25 hours a week and still be home in time to meet their children off the school bus. It allows physicians in their fifties to work eight months a year and spend the other four sailing.

There is a dark side to this rosy picture. Would-be temps need to seek out reputable agencies that offer pension rights and health coverage. Even then, the employees often pay a far greater contribution themselves than in staff jobs where employers pick up a large share of the tab. Indeed, the main reason why so many firms are turning to high-grade temps for help is that they get the job done quickly with no recurring, hefty payroll costs.

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## BUSINESS LETTERS

### British Gas defends the quality of a phone service under pressure

*From Mr Roger Wood*

Sir, We strongly disagree with the comment made in your newspaper (*The Times*, September 24), attributed to Ian Powe, that our telephone system has collapsed. This may have caused unnecessary distress to our customers.

Every day, the majority of customer calls are being answered at each of our Area Service Centres. We take around 14 million calls from our customers every year and we aim to answer each one within a reasonable time, mostly within 30 seconds. On the day your columnist contacted us (Monday, September 23) we answered over 73,000 telephone inquiries from our customers and our engineers carried out over 40,000 jobs.

While we acknowledge we are falling short of the telephone answering target we set ourselves, we are confident that the situation will improve soon. We apologise to any customers who have experienced difficulties in contacting us and would reassure them that we are doing everything possible. We have started to recruit additional staff to help with the difficulties we are experiencing, and we are making substantial investments in our communications systems, both between our offices and our engineers.

As a result, we are determined that we will rapidly return to the high standards of telephone answering which we have set ourselves, and which our customers expect of us.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER WOOD,
Managing Director,
British Gas,
30 The Causeway,
Staines, Middlesex.

### All lines of communication exhausted

*From Mr Richard Fortin*

Sir, The British Gas switchboard is clearly overwhelmed by calls, presumably from customers with problems that they cannot solve through the normal channels. The impression given is of an organisation in total chaos, if not near to collapse.

I have been trying to get through to British Gas Services on and off all week on 0345 365100 to ask why they keep sending me different requests for payment for apparently different service contracts when I have already paid them. The number is constantly engaged.

I have already tried to phone the emergency breakdown number under the contract — 0645 500400 but the number holds you in a queue for up to half an hour.

I have tried to phone the number given in the phone book for customer calls from the Putney area — 0181 640 3311 — but that holds you in a queue and then cuts you off. The same thing happened when I asked the Adelphi switchboard to put me through to your office.

What do I do next? I feel like someone in a maze from which there is no exit.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FORTIN,
5 Dealtry Road,
Putney SW15.

### On your Marks for a prawn mayo

*From Mr R. L. Galkoff*

Sir, How can you say that Welwyn Garden City *only* offers a Sainsbury and a Waitrose (Diary, September 18)? Look a little closer and you'll find you can buy the country's most popular sandwich (prawn mayo) for £1.19 at the country's biggest sandwich retailer. Who, I hear you ask? Marks & Spencer, of course!

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT L GALKOFF
9 The Hollies,
Oakleigh Park North,
N20 9HD.

### Pay as you earn?

*From Paul Fisher*

Sir, Peter Young may have been *paid* £200,000 a year before he was sacked by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, but I question whether you are correct in stating that he *earned* it.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL FISHER,
24 Northumberland Place,
W2 5BS.

### Tradepoint test for fund managers

*From Mr Tim Jeal*

Sir, So Tradepoint, the order-matching rival to the London Stock Exchange, is offering leading stocks at more competitive prices than those to be found on SEAC (Market Analysis, *The Times*, September 19).

Perhaps when the trustees of pension funds, unit trusts etc have recovered from the shock of the Morgan Grenfell debacle, they will find time to ask their fund managers why they are failing to use Tradepoint and thus be able to pass on to their unit holders the benefits of narrower spreads and lower charges? Perish the thought that the prospect of Wimbledon tickets or a week's grouse shooting might be influencing their decisions.

Yours sincerely,
TIM JEAL,
29 Willow Road,
NW3.

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## Packer keeps Australia guessing about where he will spend his money

# Cash-rich player rides out for takeover game

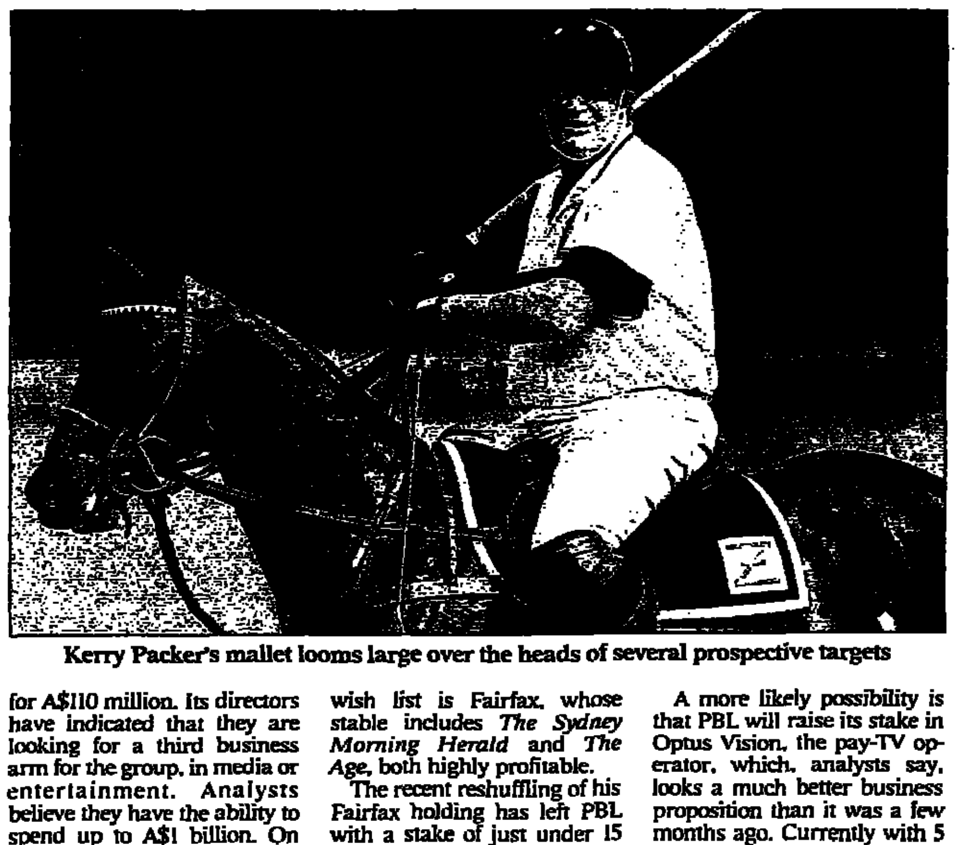
Kerry Packer, the media tycoon, has never been very good at staying out of the limelight for long. An inveterate gambler and polo player, Mr Packer hits the headlines down under as much for his flamboyant private life as for his corporate manoeuvres, and the revelation that he bought 300 pairs of cashmere socks from a gentleman's outfitter on his most recent trip to London has only served to fuel the myth that this is a man who does not do things by halves.

This time round, however, the Australian rumour mill has gone into overdrive with suggestions that Mr Packer is on the verge of making his next big move.

In the past month, Consolidated Press Holdings (CPH), Packer's private company, has amassed almost A$300 million (£150 million) in cash from the sale of strategic assets — namely a 15 per cent stake in Crown Casino, a Melbourne casino operator, for A$204 million and the sale of a 4.8 per cent stake in Fairfax, the newspaper group, most of which was reshuffled into Publishing and Broadcasting Limited (PBL), Mr Packer's family controlled public company, for A$91 million.

Fuelling speculation further, Consolidated Press said that the reduction of its stake in Crown Casino — it still has almost 10 per cent — "was motivated by the wish to liquify some of its assets for use in other transactions".

PBL has also been cash-raising, selling its 8 per cent shareholding in Village Road[illegible] cinema group in July for A$110 million. Its directors have indicated that they are looking for a third business arm for the group, in media or entertainment. Analysts believe they have the ability to spend up to A$1 billion. On past performance, it may not be long before Mr Packer makes his move. Every recent rationalisation of the Packer portfolio has been followed soon after by a large investment. The sale of A$3 billion of assets between 1990 and 1992 for example — described as the world's biggest garage sale — was quickly followed by a surprise A$500 million raid on Westpac, the Australian bank. Mr Packer has made no secret of the fact that at the top of his wish list is Fairfax, whose stable includes *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, both highly profitable.



Kerry Packer's mallet looms large over the heads of several prospective targets

The recent reshuffling of his Fairfax holding has left PBL with a stake of just under 15 per cent, the current limit allowed under Australia's cross-media ownership rules, indicating that it would be the preferred vehicle for a bid. Even if the ownership rules were relaxed, however, Mr Packer would still find himself doing battle for control of Fairfax with Conrad Black, owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, who has stated his wish to raise his stake in the group, currently limited to 25 per cent.

A more likely possibility is that PBL will raise its stake in Optus Vision, the pay-TV operator, which, analysts say, looks a much better business proposition than it was a few months ago. Currently with 5 per cent in the group, PBL has the option to raise its stake to 20 per cent at a cost of around A$220 million. That option was made all the more attractive recently by a deal with Optus Vision that would allow PBL to pay for its higher stake on a cost basis, rather than market value. PBL has also secured first rights to the 13 per cent share option held by Seven, a rival media group, in Optus Vision if Seven does not take it up by the middle of next year. Such a move would ultimately make PBL the largest shareholder, with a 33 per cent stake.

Beyond PBL, analysts suggest that Mr Packer could be considering something far more exciting for CPH, his private company, particularly now that Brian Powers, his right hand man, is spending more time organising CPH's affairs. High on the list, say analysts, could be a UK acquisition, especially now that Bruce Gyngell, fellow Australian and former employee, is at the helm of Yorkshire Television. Mr Gyngell was the first person to appear on Australian television, on Mr Packer's Nine network in 1956, — a feat that has left him with the label Mr Television in Australia. He has worked on and off for Mr Packer ever since. One analyst said: "The UK television market is a very real possibility for Packer and it would make a lot of sense. Television is currently one of the most buoyant markets in the UK." He notes that ACP, Mr Packer's magazine arm, already has extensive interests in the UK market, which, subject to the constraints of British media ownership rules, could pave the way for an entry into television.

Another strong possibility is that Mr Packer will finally make a move into casinos, something he has been keen to do since he lost the bid for the only Sydney Casino licence to a rival consortium. Mr Packer has made it clear that reducing his stake in Crown Casino was in no way a reflection on his confidence in the company — indeed he made a profit of A$100 million on his part-investment in just two years after Crown exceeded market growth expectations.

The jewel in the crown would be Showboat Inc, the US casino group that holds a 26 per cent stake in Sydney Harbour Casino and controls 85 per cent of its management contract. Showboat's shares soared 12 per cent, to US$22.375, on suggestions that Mr Packer may be on the prowl. One analyst said: "Sydney is the one he would really like to get his hands on." The one drawback is Showboat's share dilution system, which would make it difficult for Mr Packer to acquire a large stake, prompting speculation that he could be casting his eye over over US casino operators instead. A third option would be expansion into Asia — Mr Powers is also chairman of Hellman and Friedman, the Asian arm of US investment house, and is believed to be looking at regional opportunities for Mr Packer.

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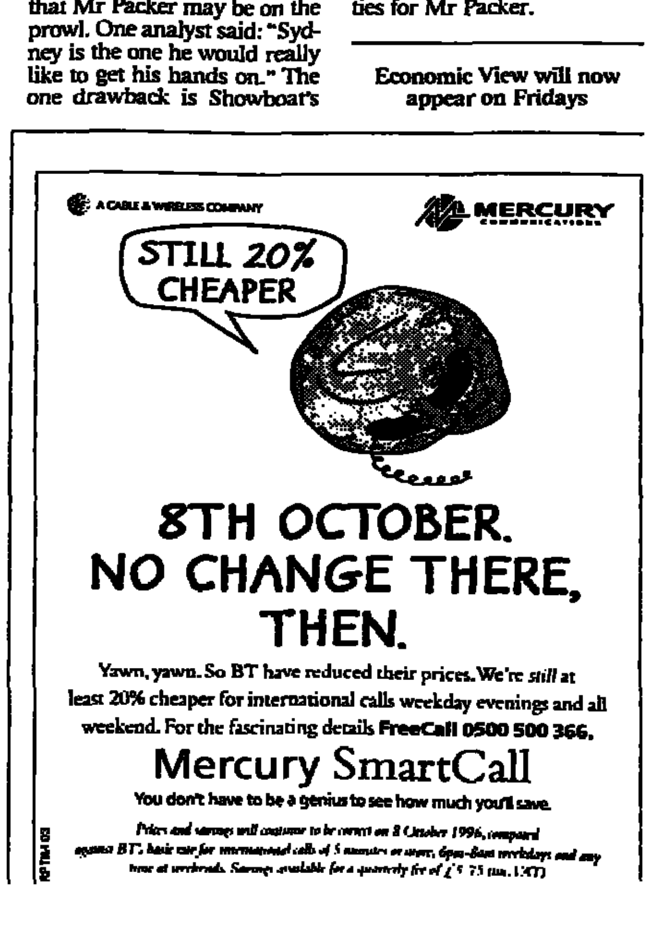
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# Chief who quit Rover to head Concentric

By Our City Staff

JOHN TOWERS, the former chief executive of Rover Group, was yesterday named chief executive of Concentric, the UK engineering firm. He will take up his appointment on October 1.

Concentric, based at Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, manufactures a diverse range of products, from car parts to chocolate moulds. The company had turnover of £142 million in the year to September 30, 1995, compared with Rover's 1995 turnover of £5.6 billion.

Concentric's top post is being vacated by Robert Bruce, who assumed command in October last year from its overseas division and is returning to the US for family reasons.

Mr Towers's departure from Rover, on June 1, came after rumoured tensions with BMW, the firm's German parent company, which took over the British car maker two years ago.

Mr Towers had been seen as a potential candidate for chief executive of LucasVarity, the group formed by the merger of Lucas Industries and Varity of the US, a post now held by Victor Rice, after George Simpson's move from Lucas to GEC.

Last month, Mr Towers joined the private equity arm of Hambros, the merchant bank, as a special adviser on a venture capital fund.

Mr Towers has previously held senior positions with Land Rover, Massey Ferguson Tractors, Canada's Varity Corporation and Perkins Engines, in Peterborough.

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Richard Collard, left, the outgoing chairman, with Gerry Clements, managing director, at Creighton's factory in Storrington, West Sussex

# Harcros hit by sluggish construction market

By Oliver August

HARRISONS & Crosfield, the chemicals to building supplies group, was hit by a sluggish construction market and the impact of the beef crisis, in the six months to end June 1996. The group reported a slight fall in pre-tax profits but in the second half expects a clear improvement on last year.

Pre-tax profits fell from £66.4 million to £64 million, but the group emphasised that last year had seen an unusually large increase in profits. Earnings per share dropped from 5.9p to 5.7p, and the interim dividend was maintained at 3.6p.

The main reason for the fall in profits was the depression in the European construction sector. Bill Turcan, the chief executive, said: "During the six months, three out of our four divisions made good progress. Timber and building supplies had a difficult half year but the steps we have taken to restructure this business are now taking effect, and the current results are on an improving trend."

Operating profits in timber and building supplies declined from £12.2 million in the first half of 1995 to £2.7 million in 1996. Harcros, the builders merchant, saw turnover decline by almost 20 per cent, from £250 million to £200 million.

Harcros's operating profits were squeezed by almost 50 per cent, down by £4.5 million to £5.1 million. The other building suppliers in the group, Moore's and K & B, also a saw sharp downturn, leading to a total fall in operating profits of 78 per cent. Harcros was also hit by the costs and disruption created through restructuring. Harrisons & Crosfield has now installed new management and IT systems.

The food division suffered from a slump in demand for animal feed in the aftermath of the crisis over BSE in beef. Overall operating profits in agriculture and food increased from £14.5 million to £18.8 million but BOCM Pauls, the pet food supplier, had to cope with a 28 per cent fall in operating profit from animal feed. The group does not expect the situation to improve in the near future. Operating profits in the plantations division increased by 14 per cent, and in the chemicals division by 2.4 per cent.

The group is still looking for a new finance director and is currently interviewing candidates.

Mr Turcan said that further investments in the malt division may be sensible. "These are good businesses. We are not throwing good money after bad."

# Change of chairman at Creighton's

By Martin Barrow

RICHARD COLLARD resigned yesterday as chairman of Creighton's Naturally, the manufacturer of toiletries, soaps and fragrances. His departure was announced as the company revealed that its first-half profits would fall below those reported for the comparable period of 1995.

Mr Collard, who took the company to the stock market in 1988, is succeeded with immediate effect by John Carr as executive chairman.

The company also announced that Mr Carr had acquired 500,000 Creighton's shares from Mrs Glenda Collard, representing 10.7 per cent of the company, at 23p a share. In addition, Mr Collard has granted Ivory & Sime UK Discovery Trust an option over a further 500,000 Creighton's shares, exercisable up to October 31. Mr and Mrs Collard continue to hold 10.1 per cent of the company.

Shares of Creighton's fell 6p, to 54p, yesterday. In the first half of last year the company earned pre-tax profits of £773,000. The company's products are supplied to a number of supermarket chains and high street retailers.

# Tourism boom helps Ryan Hotels

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

IRELAND'S tourism boom helped Ryan Hotels to record a 31 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits, the company said yesterday.

The Irish chain, which has five hotels in major cities throughout the country and one each in Amsterdam, Brussels and Hamburg, recorded a profit of Ir£1.6 million for the six months to July. Earnings per share jumped to Ir2.18p, from Ir1.68p, and the interim dividend rises 25 per cent, to Ir0.62p, payable on November 22.

Conor McCarthy, chairman, said that the company's branded products, which range from weekend breaks to complete travel and accommodation packages, had performed particularly well in the British market, with a 35 per cent increase in room sales.

Overall turnover for the six months rose from Ir£13.2 million to just over Ir£13.9 million.

Mr McCarthy said: "Our strategy of providing superior-quality full-service hotels puts us in a strong position to meet competition from the increasing number of low-priced hotel development offering basic facilities.

"The strong trading conditions are continuing, and we look forward to an excellent result for the full year."

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Helical Bar enjoys 90% success rate

HELICAL BAR, the property development and investment company, said that about 90 per cent of the 930,000 sq ft of developments the group had completed or was still constructing was either pre-sold or in partnership with institutions. During the first half, the company sold £13.5 million of investment and trading property. Since July 1, the company had agreed further sales of more than £10.9 million of industrial and retail property. The total development programme of more than 2.2 million sq ft would have an eventual end value of more than £400 million, it said.

Pre-tax profits rose to £4.4 million, from £4.25 million, in the half-year to July 31. Earnings, fully diluted, fell to 9.5p a share from 12.6p, reflecting tax changes made at the last Budget. The interim dividend is increased 8.6 per cent to 3.15p a share, due November. Net assets were 334p a share at July 31 compared with 330p a year ago. The shares rose 5p to 395p.

### BTR stake in China

BTR'S Automotive Systems Group, supplier of car-sealing systems and anti-vibration components, has acquired a majority stake in Wuxi CSH, an automotive vibration-control joint venture in China, for $13 million. Wuxi is a a sole supplier to Volkswagen and Audi in the region. The venture has enjoyed a turnover of more than $14 million this year. The company, which employs 800, makes moulded rubber and rubber-to-metal bonded parts for sub-assemblies.

### Beef ban lifts Global

GLOBAL Group, the meat importing company, was a net beneficiary of the ban on exports of British beef. The sharp rise in demand for pork, poultry and lamb resulted in a 34 per cent rise in sales, to £73.4 million, in the six months to June 30. Pre-tax profits rose by 42 per cent, to £1.2 million, from £842,000 in the previous first half. Earnings rose to 0.54p a share from 0.42p. There is an interim dividend of 0.21p a share (0.20p).

### Brake Bros profits rise

BRAKE BROS, the food supplier to the catering industry, increased pre-tax profits to £12.4 million from £11.6 million in the six months to June 30. The company said that Puritan Maid, acquired from Forte in November, achieved sales of £58.8 million but incurred an operating loss of £1 million. Sales, mainly dependent on Forte volume, were lower than expected. Earnings were 15.8p a share (14.7p). The interim dividend is increased to 2.9p a share (2.7p), payable December 31.

### Reg Vardy accelerates

REG VARDY, the automotive distributor, said new vehicle sales were up 11 per cent on a like-for-like basis, excluding acquisitions, in the opening weeks of the company's financial year. Sales of used vehicles were up 27 per cent. Peter Vardy, chairman, told the annual meeting yesterday the roles of chairman and chief executive would be split, with Graeme Potts, currently managing director, becoming chief executive.

### PGA takes golf stake

PGA European Tour Courses, the golf courses owner and operator, has acquired the outstanding 50 per cent interest in European Tour Club Stockholm, for £3.11 million, taking the company's interest to 100 per cent. The 36-hole golf complex is due to host the Scandinavian Masters in 1998. PGA, formerly Union Square, reported pre-tax profits of £1.02 million for the six months to June 30, from £453,000. Earnings were 0.18p a share (0.36p). There is again no interim dividend.

## ACCOUNTANCY

# Shed light on foreign firms

### The UK needs a level playing field in the world of financial disclosure, **Martin Scicluna** argues

BRITISH companies are often surprised at the spareness of financial information on competitors and new trading partners on the Continent.

Many directors believe that the highly developed reports and accounts published by UK companies put them at a disadvantage to European counterparts. A Deloitte & Touche survey indicates that this view has substance — UK companies are required to disclose key information that other European companies are not.

The survey covered the reports and accounts of 40 major companies, ten from each of the UK, Germany, France and Italy. Eighteen disclosures of information that might aid competitors and/or trading partners were given scores, ranging from zero for no information to one for reasonably full disclosure. The maximum possible scores were 18 for a company and 180 per country.

The scores for the four countries ranged from 42 for Italy to 147 for the UK. France and Germany scored 63 and 68 respectively. Scores of individual companies ranged from zero for an Italian company to 16.4 for a UK company.

There was no category in which the UK lagged the other three countries, although standards vary quite widely from company to company. Clearly, overall, the quality of disclosures required of UK companies is far higher than that of our European partners.

However, the remedy for lack of comparable information is not easy, assuming the UK is not willing to let its high standards slip. It has been argued that a partial solution would be for the European Commission to introduce another tier of accounting and disclosure requirements for European companies. That might be a solution to lack of comparability within Europe, but would not solve the problems faced by UK plc, because the requirements would apply only to companies in Europe, not to competitors elsewhere.

Also, the UK would almost certainly keep its own accounting standards, which would probably be more demanding than the Europe-wide regime. Fortunately, the Commission last year announced a strategy intended to avoid new legislation as far as possible and work through a more flexible framework, which, it is hoped, will involve the Commission supporting international accounting standards.

Martin Scicluna wants international standards respected

The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) and the International Organisation of Securities Commissions have agreed that the IASC will develop its standard to meet the needs of those involved in cross-border listings by 1999. This is likely to lead to more widespread use of international accounting standards. Even this will not solve the problems UK plc faces because the standards will apply only to companies with cross-border listings: most of UK plc's competitors do not have such listings — and many have no listing.

I share concern that UK companies have to publish information that rivals abroad do not. However, we should encourage other nations to lift their reporting to our level rather than reverse the trend towards clear disclosure that helps to keep London as Europe's leading financial centre. We should also avoid further tilting the playing field against UK companies by increasing their reporting requirements unless really necessary. UK plc should be treated no more harshly than Deutschland GmbH and the rest.

The IASC should seek the support of stock exchanges and business around the world for an "International Operating and Financial Review" as a step to more comparable information.

An "International OFR" would build on the success of the UK OFR by offering an attractive option to companies (not only listed ones) that falls short of full compliance with rigid international accounting standards. The statement, voluntary and flexible, would have similar aims to the UK statement, ie, to encourage in companies' annual reports discussion of the business, the factors that underlie it and the structure of its financing.

*Martin Scicluna is chairman of Deloitte & Touche*

# The lottery in reverse must be rectified now

IT IS a bit like audience participation at pantomimes. Everyone knows what to shout. The delight is in the predictability. Ernst & Young's new survey on self-assessment pulls the same trick. Will the new system of investigations under self-assessment be better for the taxpayer, they asked. "No," bellowed 96 per cent of tax advisers. Well, will it be better for tax advisers? "No," shouted 91 per cent. And then the question everyone has been waiting for. Will it be better for the Inland Revenue? "Yes," comes the roar from 85 per cent.

Will the new system be more confrontational? Some 82 per cent thought so. As wiser tax advisers have been saying for some time, we will look back on the present regime as a golden age. At present, tax inspectors and their minions are seen as pantomime villains.

No one will say that they love them, but most will accept that the job is probably done as fairly as an antiquated body of tax legislation allows. This will change once the system of random audits gets under way. No longer, theoretically, will tax inspectors take a look at people's figures because they think that there is something wrong. This computer system will pluck taxpayers from the system at random and an audit will be instituted. It is a bit like the lottery in reverse.

That is the theory. But it is unlikely to be the practice. What is expected to happen will be quite different. There will be almost nine million taxpayers in this system. Suddenly no human eye is gong to look at their figures. So tax inspectors are going to become sceptical, and the result will be the less-than-random audit. One senior tax partner suggested last week that there would probably be around 10,000 "truly" random audits. And about another 40,000 would be targeted either at people the inspectors are doubtful about or at complete sectors, from publicans to plumbers, for example, which they are doubtful about.

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Both systems are going to lead to confrontation. Under the new powers taxpayers will not be told that it is simply a random check. Of those polled in Ernst & Young's survey, 99 per cent thought this was daft. "It is not clear," said Ernst & Young, "why random audit should depend on taxpayer ignorance for its effectiveness. On the contrary, we would argue that if a taxpayer knows this is a spot check, he is far less likely to panic and far more likely to co-operate." The system also creates a field day for the tabloid press. Penniless pensioners will be found to have expired on the spot with the Revenue notification clutched in their hands.

And those people with a targeted random check will be worse off. Currently the Revenue has to tell people why they are mounting an investigation. Under the new system they will be able to go ahead and trawl through everything. "In these circumstances," says Ernst & Young, "it is difficult to imagine how an audit will ever be closed. Worse, the temptation to launch fishing expeditions will be almost impossible to resist."

At the moment, criticism of the self-assessment system is too wide. The system fails to get the credit it deserves. As the president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, David Frost, will tell you: "The concept is spot-on." And the assumption is that it will be moved across to cover the corporate tax world in due course as well.

The focus for concern has to be the procedures, which is why the Ernst & Young survey is so timely. The problems are within the Revenue itself. "The Inland Revenue Board and 'the troops' sing a different song," Frost will tell you. The Inland Revenue itself has an impossible job. It has to collect the revenues from the increasingly odd tax policies laid down by the Government. But at the bottom of the pyramid, things are different. Down there inspectors are on commission. Or to be more polite, their pay reflects their success. "It was felt," said the Ernst & Young survey, "that inspectors are becoming increasingly aggressive in their approach, as a result of their profession and pay being directly linked to performance." Once you have told anyone that their future depends on how many convictions they can produce then justice has gone out of the window. That is the biggest fear surrounding the tax system.

On top of this, the powers to demand information have been widened. No longer is it only inspectors, but "any officer of the Board", who can do so. This, with pressures on manpower, means non-technical staff. "Practitioners," said the survey, "believed that junior staff were more likely to push the powers to the limit." Once the system is up and running and has become much more confrontational, all these errors to the procedures will be much harder to rectify. Now is the time to sort it out.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Self-assessment out to lunch

ONCE self-assessment gets up and running it could start rivalling the world of VAT for bizarre tax arguments. One area that advisers are watching with a combination of doubt and delight is the whole idea of benefits.

Employees or recipients of any benefits are expected to provide full details of everything. "Do you realise," said one senior tax partner last week, "that if I were to offer you some sandwiches during a meeting, you would need to know their value so you could declare it in your tax records?"

No doubt the journalist's traditional get-out line will change. In future it will become: "I declined a sandwich and left immediately."

### Lesson learnt

THE Canadians are very disappointed with the shy and retiring nature of UK lawyers as the Canadian ICA continues to wrestle with the problems of professional liability. Like its UK counterparts, the Canadian ICA sees a system of proportionate liability as being more just.

It had heard of the eccentric Professor Burrows, who produced the review for the Department of Trade and Industry, which said that reforming the present system and introducing proportionate liability wasn't worth bothering with.

The Canadian ICA wanted to debate the issue with him, offering to set up a video-conferencing link.

However, Professor Burrows was resolute. Having taken such a battering from the UK accountancy profession, he had no appetite for being battered by the Canadians as well.

"Probably very sensible," said a Canadian spokesman, "we would have just lambasted him further."

### Join the party

WE KNOW that political parties have as much of a problem differentiating themselves from one another as do the big accountancy firms. So it is not surprising to find that the profession's campaign to fight the Government's iniquitous plans to limit to three years the time in which you can claim a VAT refund has gained another supporter.

He is Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party. It should make for a snappy section in the party's forthcoming manifesto.

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| Amer Inc & Growth | 61.21 | 63.54 | - 0.27 | 0.15 |
| Emerging Mkts | 74 37 | 78 37 | - 0.22 | 0.04 |
| European | 152.10 | 158.20 | - 0.50 | |
| Exempt | 1106.00 | 1175.00 | - 7.00 | 1.58 |
| Extra Income # | 46.00 | 49.29† | - 0.03 | 6.60 |
| Far East Emg Eco | 134.30 | 141.00 | + 0.10 | 0.44 |
| Fixed Interest # | 25.46 | 26 48† | - 0.01 | 8.47 |
| Fund Inv Tst | 153.40 | 161 00 | | 9.54 |
| Japan | 181 40 | 188.50† | + 0.70 | |
| Latin American | 61 30 | 63.93† | - 0.25 | 0.76 |
| Pacific | 86.61 | 90.94 | + 0.20 | 0.29 |
| Property Share | 71 85 | 75.42 | + 0.13 | 2.33 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 71 93 | 77.75 | - 0.29 | 1.24 |
| UK Growth | 54.01 | 57 00 | + 0.09 | 2.06 |
| Aber World Port # | 82.90 | 84.52 | + 0.09 | 3.42 |
| Ethical | 78.34 | 81 47 | + 0.15 | 2.17 |
| Aberdeen Gilt Inc # | 50 41 | 50 47† | + 0.02 | 7.34 |
| For AEGON see Matheson | | | | |
| **AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 256 5868 | | | | |
| Beadl Property # | 98.20 | 105 40 | .. | 5.30 |
| **ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD** | | | | |
| 01452 305 958 | | | | |
| Amity Income | 91.22 | 96.79† | + 0.07 | 2.26 |
| Income Builder Inc | 81 68 | 86 89 | + 0.21 | 4.22 |
| **ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC** | | | | |
| IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514 | | | | |
| Balanced Trusts | | | | |
| Growth & Income | 289 50 | 309.40 | + 1.40 | 3.00 |
| Capital | 507.00 | 541 90 | + 0.70 | 1 16 |
| Balanced | 833.90 | 891 40 | + 4.20 | 2.34 |
| Accumulator | 1602.00 | 1712.00† | + 7.00 | 1 82 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| American Income | 61.73 | 65.83 | - 0.40 | 2.43 |
| High Income | 456 80 | 488.30† | + 2.40 | 3.88 |
| Equity Income | 260.60 | 278.50 | + 1.50 | 3.98 |
| High Yield | 282.20 | 301.60 | + 1.60 | 3.98 |
| Govt Securities | 34 38 | 36.29 | + 0.09 | 6.02 |
| International Trusts | | | | |
| Amer Spec Sits | 213.90 | 228.30† | - 0.60 | 0.05 |
| European Growth | 54.21 | 57 78† | + 0.18 | 0.07 |
| International | 189 60 | 202.60 | + 0.30 | 0.11 |
| Japan | 202 40 | 216.30 | - 0.60 | . |
| Pacific | 413.60 | 442.10 | - 0.20 | |
| Secs of America | 594.10 | 632.80 | - 01.90 | 0 12 |
| Wwide Asset Val | 56.47 | 60.36 | | 0.02 |
| Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| Asset Value | 643.90 | 688.30 | + 3.80 | 1.98 |
| Conv & Gilt | 49 81 | 53.24 | - 0.01 | 3.98 |
| Smaller Cos | 211.30 | 225 80 | .. | 1.01 |
| 2nd Smaller Cos | 200.50 | 214.30† | . | 0.86 |
| Recovery | 171 30 | 183.10† | + 0.80 | 1.54 |
| Md Min & Cdty | 166.20 | 177.50 | + 0.50 | 0.18 |
| Oseas Earnings | 426 40 | 455.80 | + 0.80 | 1.06 |
| Technology | 229.50 | 245.30 | + 1.70 | . |
| UK Special Sits | 581 10 | 621 10† | + 2.30 | 1 01 |
| **B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 01293 526 911 | | | | |
| Cntrctd Out Pens | 120.10 | 124.70 | . | 3.04 |
| Freestdn Pesl Pens | 71.16 | 73.93 | | 7.44 |
| **BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 800 0033 | | | | |
| Capital | 84.42 | 89.81 | + 0.68 | 1.31 |
| International | 70.07 | 74.54 | + 0.11 | ... |
| **BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 222 4242 | | | | |
| America | 345 60 | 369.00† | - 0.80 | . |
| Bond | 118.00 | 124.10 | + 0.30 | 6.75 |
| Brit Smlr Cos | 120.10 | 127.80 | - 0.20 | 1.77 |
| Conv & Gen # | 70.32 | 74.81† | - 0.03 | 5.23 |
| Europe | 293.10 | 310.80 | + 2.30 | 0.57 |
| Euro Smlr Cos | 127.60 | 135.50 | + 0.80 | 0.58 |
| Income Gwth | 370.50 | 394.20† | + 1.80 | 4.84 |
| Japan | 317.50 | 337.20 | + 1.00 | . |
| Latin American | 86.60 | 92.13 | + 0.16 | 0.76 |
| Pacific | 114.80 | 122.16 | + 0.20 | 0.98 |
| UK Smlr Cos | 60.74 | 64.62 | + 0.26 | 1.24 |
| Japan Fd | 660.10 | 679.50 | - 1.50 | .. |
| Mngd Fd | 206.10 | 218.60 | + 0.80 | 2.75 |
| **BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 489 8673 | | | | |
| Bnf & Dseas | 375.40 | 397.00 | . | 0.89 |
| Capital Gwth | 131 70 | 139.30 | | 2.38 |
| Wwide Opps | 223.80 | 236.70 | . | 0.86 |
| **BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 534 5544 | | | | |
| Balanced Trusts | | | | |
| Brst Inv Fd Inc | 432.90 | 453 10 | + 2.60 | 2.38 |
| European Bd Inc | 97.03 | 100.40 | + 0.10 | 6.72 |
| Exempt | 83.50 | 88.98 | - 0.03 | 2.82 |
| 500 | 514 40 | 561 50† | - 0.50 | 2.35 |
| General | 325.90 | 348.90† | + 0.10 | 2.53 |
| Property | 245 40 | 253.30 | .. | 5.20 |
| Trustee | 226.90 | 242.70 | - 0 10 | 2.35 |
| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Cash Inc | 101.00 | 101.00 | | 4.96 |
| Distribution (a)# | 112.70 | 113.30† | + 0 10 | 6.08 |
| Extra Income # | 138.20 | 147.80 | | 4.74 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int | 57.95 | 58.98† | + 0.04 | 7.93 |
| Income # | 588.90 | 629.80 | + 0.40 | 4.61 |
| Income Builder # | 68.89 | 73.49† | + 0 10 | 5.36 |
| Intl Income | 71.56 | 76.12 | . | 2.63 |
| Growth Trusts - UK | | | | |
| Capital | 142.50 | 152.00† | + 0.10 | 2.02 |
| FTSE 100 | 100.70 | 107 40 | | 2.65 |
| Leisure | 179.50 | 192.00 | - 0.50 | 0.73 |
| Recovery | 497.20 | 531 70 | - 0.60 | 2.86 |
| Smllr Cos Inc | 59.02 | 63.29 | - 0.14 | 2.29 |
| Special Sits | 396.10 | 423.70 | + 0.20 | 1.33 |
| Growth Trusts - Overseas | | | | |
| America | 174.20 | 184 90 | - 0.90 | 0.16 |
| F East Gwth Acc | 281.90 | 300.50 | + 2.70 | 2.08 |
| Far East Gwth | 168 60 | 179.70 | + 1.30 | 2.08 |
| Euro Gwth Inc | 195.30 | 207.30† | + 1.10 | 0.44 |
| -do- Accum | 212.40 | 225.50 | + 1.20 | 0.44 |
| Japan | 151.50 | 160.50 | + 1.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 153.30 | 162.30 | + 1.00 | |
| Japan Spec Sits | 70.68 | 74.87 | + 0.26 | . |
| Worldwide | 200.20 | 212.60 | + 0.30 | 0.46 |
| **BARING FUND MANGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 214 1004 | | | | |
| American Growth | 134.50 | 142.00 | - 0.60 | |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 170.60 | 183 40 | - 0.70 | . |
| Convertibles | 59.61 | 63.96† | - 0.02 | 4.60 |
| Eastern | 301.80 | 324.40 | + 0.20 | 0.30 |
| Equity Income | 98.80 | 105.70 | + 0.40 | 4.20 |
| European Growth | 365.20 | 388.70 | + 3.20 | 0.80 |
| Europe | 361 30 | 386.10 | + 1.10 | 0.80 |
| German Growth | 90.15 | 95.59 | + 0.54 | 0.50 |
| Global Bond | 71.12 | 74.82 | + 0.11 | 6.20 |
| Global Growth | 148.70 | 158.10 | + 0.50 | 0.40 |
| Japan Growth | 196.90 | 209.20 | + 1.50 | . |
| Japan Smllr | 162.50 | 172.40 | + 0.40 | |
| Korea Trust | 64.19 | 68.40 | + 1.90 | |
| Portfolio | 146.60 | 156.80† | + 0.40 | 2.00 |
| -do- Accum | 277.90 | 297.20 | + 0.80 | 2.00 |
| UK Growth | 105.40 | 113.00 | + 0.20 | 2.60 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 99.54 | 107.70 | - 0.90 | 1.90 |
| Select Managers | 89.95 | 98.45 | + 0.15 | 7.00 |
| **BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 250 3300 | | | | |
| Intl Gwth Port Inc | 90.93 | 98.73 | | .. |
| Special Opps Inc | 60.92 | 64.81† | | . |
| **BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0141 223 6020 | | | | |
| Balanced Growth | 142.07 | 150.34 | + 0.15 | 1.25 |
| -do- Accum | 163.71 | 173.24 | + 0.17 | 1.25 |
| Smaller Cos | 156.44 | 165.54 | - 0.33 | 0.71 |
| Higher Yield # | 57.20 | 60.53 | + 0.02 | 3.86 |
| American Gth Inc | 100.14 | 105.97† | - 0.26 | |
| European Growth | 167.73 | 177.49† | + 1.48 | 0.02 |
| -do- Accum | 171.10 | 181.06 | + 1.51 | 0.02 |
| Global Bond Inc # | 26.67 | 27.62 | - 0.06 | 5.87 |
| Mngd Pfolio Inc | 53.07 | 56.14† | + 0.05 | 1.45 |
| -do- Accum | 56.08 | 58.26 | + 0.05 | 1.45 |
| Intl Spec Opps | 166.94 | 176.66 | + 0.31 | |
| Pacific Gth | 145.51 | 153.98 | - 0.14 | 0.31 |
| UK General # | 95.69 | 101.26 | + 0.22 | 2.35 |
| -do- Accum # | 102.38 | 108.34 | + 0.24 | 2.35 |
| Japan | 59.05 | 62.49 | + 0.39 | . |
| Gilt & Fixed Int # | 99.66 | 103.27† | + 0.01 | 8.27 |
| **BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 480 7218 | | | | |
| Short Dated Gilt | 66.48 | 67.33 | - 0.10 | 6.45 |
| **CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 0161 837 5060 | | | | |
| Environ | 191.20 | 201.30 | + 0.60 | 1.74 |
| UK Growth | 210.50 | 221.60† | | 2.05 |
| UK Income | 148.80 | 156.60 | + 0.20 | 4.42 |
| **CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD** | | | | |
| 01707 822 100 | | | | |
| Can Gen Dist | 235.50 | 249.60 | + 0.90 | 1.59 |
| -do- Income Dist | 126.70 | 134.30 | + 0.50 | 3.72 |
| -do- Accum | 406.60 | 431.00 | + 1.60 | 3.72 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int | 40.70 | 42.78† | + 0.08 | 6.36 |
| Growth Units | 253.90 | 271.40† | + 1.20 | 2.07 |
| Bond | 173.60 | 182.60† | | 7.20 |
| Intl Growth | 249.40 | 265.30 | + 0.90 | 0.18 |
| North American | 261.60 | 278.40 | - 0.90 | 0.18 |
| Far East | 306.20 | 327.50 | + 0.70 | 0.67 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 224.30 | 239.90 | - 0.40 | 0.97 |
| European | 98.21 | 104.80 | + 0.80 | 0.81 |
| Japanese Growth | 45.94 | 48.81 | + 0.24 | .. |
| High Income | 217.00 | 231.90 | + 1.00 | 4.32 |
| **CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455 | | | | |
| American & Gen | 223.20 | 236.60† | - 0.30 | |
| European Inc | 95.05 | 101.77† | + 0.58 | 0.02 |
| Smaller Cos (4-1) | 108.90 | 115.90† | - 0.20 | 1.44 |
| Growth | 547.20 | 582.20† | + 5.60 | 1.77 |
| Income & Growth # | 458.00 | 487.30 | + 2.10 | 3.89 |
| -do- Accum # | 692.30 | 736.50 | + 3.20 | 3.89 |
| Japan & Gen | 67.05 | 71.24 | - 0.08 | |
| Master Portfolio | £120.42 | £124.38 | + 42.00 | 1.89 |
| -do- Accum | £149.09 | £152.96 | + 51.00 | 1.89 |
| Special Sits | 127.40 | 135.60 | + 0.50 | 1.79 |
| **CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 606 0708 | | | | |
| Cazenove Portfolio | 102.27 | 109.12 | + 0.28 | 2.34 |
| American Portfolio | 124.40 | 132.08 | + 0.66 | 0.86 |
| European Portfolio | 135.29 | 144.82 | + 0.48 | 0.82 |
| High Income | 51.64 | 51.76† | + 0.02 | 7.12 |
| Japanese Portfolio | 68.25 | 72.49 | | |
| Pacific Portfolio | 156.63 | 168.43 | | 1.41 |
| UK Equity | 98.64 | 105.47 | + 0.38 | 3.02 |
| UK Equity & Bd | 57.99 | 61.47 | + 0.17 | 6.19 |
| **CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG** | | | | |
| 0171 588 1815 | | | | |
| Inv Fund | 767.61 | 779.21 | - 7.45 | 4.29 |
| Fxd Int Sec | 154.32 | 154.94 | - 0.68 | 9.23 |
| **COIF CHARITY FUNDS** | | | | |
| 0171 588 1815 | | | | |
| Investment Inc | 709.91 | 781.55 | + 8.82 | 4.26 |
| Investment Acc | £35.10 | £35.63 | + 40.48 | |
| Fixed Int Inc | 127.72 | 128.24 | + 0.97 | 9.85 |
| Fixed Int Acc | 227.53 | 228.45 | + 1.78 | |
| **CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Beckman Intl | 88.92 | 93.98 | + 0.38 | 3.05 |
| Beck Bio-Tech | 44.40 | 48.00 | | |
| Acorn Ethical Tst | 188.17 | 197.60 | | 0.43 |
| City Fin Assets | 84.45 | 88.68 | | 1.51 |
| City Fin America | 110.50 | 116.04 | - 2.05 | |
| City Fin Intl | 91.60 | 96.19 | - 0.57 | 0.45 |
| City Fin Japan | 148.11 | 155.53 | - 0.89 | |
| Frans Hse Cap | 327.72 | 348.64 | | 2.43 |
| Frans Hse Inc | 205.34 | 218.45 | | 3.46 |
| Buckley Wrld Gth | 144.80 | 153.49† | - 0.49 | |
| J Sld Inc/Gth Inc | 56.07 | 58.88 | | 3.27 |
| Shaw Unitrec | 57.31 | 58.39 | + 0.06 | 6.23 |
| **CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300 | | | | |
| Emerging Markets | 57.59 | 61.10† | - 0.21 | |
| **CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 772 233 | | | | |
| American Gwth | 81.96 | 87.19 | - 0.40 | . |
| Dragon Growth | 72.25 | 77.27 | - 0.01 | 0.45 |
| Equity High Inc | 89.25 | 95.61† | + 0.18 | 4.11 |
| -do- Accum | 129.18 | 138.39 | + 0.27 | 4.11 |
| Extra Income Inc | 25.43 | 27.83 | | 7.56 |
| Extra Income Acc | 28.66 | 30.17 | . | 7.56 |
| European Gwth | 64.01 | 67.91 | + 0.46 | 0.95 |
| Evergreen | 32.11 | 34.34 | + 0.09 | |
| General Equity | 104.37 | 110.67 | + 0.46 | 2.94 |
| Japan Growth | 49.54 | 52.70 | + 0.04 | |
| Pedigree Gwth | 64.95 | 69.10 | + 0.09 | 2.24 |
| Perf Sm Cos Inc | 38.92 | 41.40 | - 0.01 | 1.42 |
| -do- Accum | 41.23 | 43.86 | - 0.01 | 1.42 |
| Retirement Inc # | 27.94 | 29.72 | + 0.09 | 5.78 |
| Special Sits | 47.34 | 50.36 | - 0.09 | 2.36 |
| UK & Overseas | 59.95 | 63.61 | + 0.19 | 0.71 |
| **COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01634 888 000 | | | | |
| Balanced | 68.41 | 72.30† | + 0.25 | 3.97 |
| Capital | 83.79 | 87.28† | + 0.21 | 2.25 |
| High Income | 51.15 | 53.28† | + 0.03 | 7.11 |
| Top 50 | 56.45 | 58.80† | + 0.29 | 2.07 |
| **COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 686 9818 | | | | |
| PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 197.78 | 206.02 | + 0.99 | 4.46 |
| Long Gilt | 42.83 | 44.58 | + 0.06 | 6.34 |
| Monthly Inc Plus | 49.12 | 51.17 | + 0.02 | 8.76 |
| Preference Share | 47.11 | 49.07 | + 0.02 | 7.94 |
| Balanced Funds | | | | |
| High Yield | 141.67 | 147.57 | + 0.74 | 5.78 |
| Managed Fund | 78.58 | 81.85 | + 0.26 | 2.82 |
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| Smaller Cos | 53.53 | 55.76 | - 0.06 | 1.70 |
| -do- Accum | 63.28 | 65.92 | - 0.06 | 1.70 |
| UK & General | 98.45 | 102.55 | + 0.47 | 2.51 |
| -do- Accum | 127.69 | 133.01 | + 0.60 | 2.51 |
| UK Growth | 196.52 | 204.71 | + 0.98 | 1.37 |
| International Growth Funds | | | | |
| Europe Growth | 215.68 | 224.65 | + 1.80 | 0.64 |
| Far Eastern Gth | 138.07 | 143.82 | + 0.65 | 0.02 |
| Global Bond | 82.33 | 85.82 | - 0.06 | 5.78 |
| Japan Growth | 114.48 | 119.25 | + 0.66 | . |
| North Amer Gth | 240.35 | 250.36 | - 1.36 | . |
| Oriental Growth | 85.80 | 89.38 | + 0.38 | 0.28 |
| Worldwide Growth | 74.86 | 77.98 | + 0.24 | 0.10 |
| OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS) | | | | |
| Deposit Fund | 93.33 | 93.33 | + 0.01 | 5.12 |
| Homeowner Fund | 92.48 | 98.38 | + 0.20 | 1.54 |
| Quilter Fund | 156.25 | 166.22† | + 0.82 | 1.88 |
| **CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Consistent UT | 35.96 | 38.45† | .. | 4.32 |
| **COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 526 358 | | | | |
| Growth | 179.70 | 191.20 | + 0.38 | 1.79 |
| Income | 72.30 | 76.91 | + 0.57 | 4.72 |
| European | 75.73 | 80.56 | + 0.53 | 0.81 |
| Recovery | 189.90 | 202.00 | + 0.70 | 2.04 |
| **CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 283 9494 | | | | |
| Equity Dist | 1003.60 | 1019.10 | .. | 3.29 |
| **CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD** | | | | |
| 01277 680 370 | | | | |
| Fellowship 1st | 111.90 | 119.00† | . . | 1.15 |
| Income # | 290.80 | 309.30 | + 0.20 | 4.09 |
| -do- Accum # | 761.20 | 809.70 | + 0.60 | 4.09 |
| Smaller Cos | 237.80 | 252.90 | - 0.50 | 0.85 |
| -do- Accum | 295.20 | 314.00 | - 0.60 | 0.85 |
| Gilt Portfolio | 102.60 | 109.10† | + 0.10 | 1.39 |
| High Inc Port # | 84.00 | 89.36† | + 0.21 | 4.26 |
| **DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 470 1834 | | | | |
| Euro Small Cos | 1680.60 | 1737.30 | . | |
| Japan Small Cos | 1238.20 | 1252.90 | . . | 0.01 |
| UK Small Cos | 2227.70 | 2317.70 | . . | 2.85 |
| US Small Cos | 2173.30 | 2218.80 | ... | 0.84 |
| **DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 377 8819 | | | | |
| Disc Inc | 231.20 | 243.40 | ... | 3.06 |
| **EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01242 577 555 | | | | |
| UK Balanced Inc | 171.20 | 182.10 | - 0.30 | 1.77 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 179.40 | 190.80 | + 0.20 | 3.73 |
| -do- Accum | 242.20 | 257.60 | + 0.20 | 3.73 |
| UK Pref & F I Inc | 59.02 | 62.82 | + 0.13 | 5.91 |
| Environtl Opps | 98.42 | 104.70 | - 0.30 | 0.96 |
| UK Smlr Cos # | 69.72 | 74.16 | - 0.11 | 0.80 |
| Extra Income Inc | 48.43 | 51.52† | + 0.02 | 8.04 |
| **EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 090 528 | | | | |
| American | 177.20 | 187.50 | - 0.80 | 0.43 |
| Convertibles # | 22.85 | 24.28† | + 0.04 | 5.77 |
| Equity Income # | 143.10 | 152.80† | + 0.80 | 3.95 |
| Ethifund | 64.22 | 67.96 | + 0.56 | 0.59 |
| Financial | 55.80 | 59.29† | + 0.24 | 1.52 |
| Growth & Inc # | 289.20 | 307.30† | + 1.30 | 2.85 |
| High Dist # | 181.00 | 192.30 | + 0.80 | 4.11 |
| International | 441.80 | 469.20 | - 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Int Cap Inc | 106.00 | 113.20 | + 0.60 | 2.40 |
| Latin American | 33.56 | 35.65† | - 0.14 | . |
| Pacific | 82.05 | 87.18 | - 0.01 | |
| Pref High Inc | 22.11 | 23.49 | + 0.02 | 7.66 |
| Tokyo | 222.20 | 235.30† | + 1.00 | ... |
| UK Smaller Cos | 259.40 | 275.60 | + 0.10 | 1.09 |
| Dunedin Unit Trusts | | | | |
| European Gwth | 338.00 | 359.00 | + 2.60 | 1.01 |
| New Asia | 227.40 | 242.00 | | 0.24 |
| Japan Growth | 107.00 | 113.60 | | |
| Jap Smllr Co | 447.10 | 474.50 | + 0.40 | . |
| Nth Amer | 425.30 | 450.50 | - 0.80 | 0.65 |
| UK Inc & Gwth | 252.70 | 270.40 | + 0.50 | 2.74 |
| **ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 242 0242 | | | | |
| BRI Director Dlgs | 119.40 | 127.80 | - 0.26 | 1.24 |
| Growth Acc | 258.07 | 275.58 | + 3.23 | 0.28 |
| Income | 614.14 | 656.83 | + 11.45 | 5.96 |
| **ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 373 7261 | | | | |
| Endurance Fd | 228.30 | 243.90 | | 0.98 |
| **EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01296 431 480 | | | | |
| European | 92.43 | 97.29 | + 0.63 | 1.99 |
| Ethical Tst | 48.84 | 51.41 | . | 0.82 |
| Far Eastern | 307.60 | 323.79 | + 0.37 | 1.59 |
| High Income | 140.87 | 148.28 | + 0.73 | 4.89 |
| UK Index Tcking | 50.86 | 53.54 | + 0.32 | 3.25 |
| Intl Growth | 145.22 | 152.86 | - 0.42 | 0.48 |
| North American | 149.24 | 157.09† | - 0.16 | 1.67 |
| Pelican | 143.06 | 150.59 | + 0.87 | 3.14 |
| Smaller Cos | 73.26 | 77.12 | - 0.13 | 2.79 |
| Special Sits | 92.12 | 96.87† | - 0.04 | 2.39 |
| Tst of Inv Tsts | 217.49 | 228.94 | + 0.63 | 1.22 |
| **EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Smaller Cos Inc | 239.54 | 254.83 | - 0.12 | 1.46 |
| Smaller Cos Acc | 426.89 | 454.14 | - 0.19 | 1.46 |
| Recovery | 59.41 | 63.20 | - 0.16 | 1.68 |
| Recovery Acc | 61.38 | 65.30 | - 0.17 | 1.68 |
| **EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 01392 412 144 | | | | |
| Capital Growth | 90.14 | 95.66 | + 0.10 | .. |
| Fd of Inv Tsts | 52.41 | 55.90 | - 0.05 | 0.52 |
| High Income # | 38.86 | 41.65 | + 0.04 | 11.04 |
| Warrant | 47.88 | 52.04† | - 0.11 | . . |
| Zero Preference | 44.42 | 47.13 | | .. |
| **FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 01273 220 707 | | | | |
| Family Asset Tst | 92.90 | 98.82 | - 0.07 | 2.57 |
| United Charities | 312.40 | 332.30 | . | 2.37 |
| **FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD** | | | | |
| Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161 | | | | |
| Cash Fund | | | | |
| Cash Fund | 100.00 | 100.00 | | 5.20 |
| Bond Funds | | | | |
| Intl Bond | 29.06 | 30.14 | - 0.02 | 5.16 |
| Strategic Inc | 26.73 | 27.94† | + 0.03 | 5.81 |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| High Income | 26.47 | 27.77† | + 0.05 | 5.55 |
| Income Plus | 130.10 | 138.40† | + 0.60 | 3.97 |
| European Income | 49.94 | 53.09 | + 0.19 | 2.56 |
| UK Ow Gth | 31.17 | 33.15† | + 0.10 | 2.26 |
| Equity Funds | | | | |
| ASEAN | 64.95 | 69.29 | + 0.24 | . . |
| American | 325.10 | 344.60 | - 0.80 | .. |
| Amer Spec Sits | 186.20 | 198.70 | - 0.60 | ... |
| Japan Smaller Cos | 34.54 | 36.78 | - 0.07 | . |
| European | 229.40 | 244.00 | + 1.20 | 0.56 |
| European Opps | 81.41 | 86.57 | + 0.66 | 0.02 |
| Global Prw | 31.03 | 33.00 | + 0.13 | 0.34 |
| UK Growth | 121.90 | 129.70† | + 0.40 | 1.50 |
| Growth & Inc | 176.40 | 187.60 | + 0.40 | 2.47 |
| Intl PEP | 47.83 | 50.86 | + 0.08 | 1.08 |
| Japan Spec Sits | 90.17 | 95.81 | + 0.08 | . |
| Japan | 179.30 | 190.20 | + 0.50 | . |
| Managed Intl | 354.40 | 375.90 | . . . | 0.50 |
| Moneybuilder | 67.16 | 71.41 | + 0.10 | |
| Recovery | 62.38 | 66.33 | - 0.02 | 1.63 |
| South E Asia | 183.80 | 196.10† | | 0.99 |
| Special Sits | 725.00 | 770.90† | + 0.39 | 0.60 |
| Specialist Funds | | | | |
| Cash Accum Units | 115.92 | 115.92 | + 0.02 | 5.20 |
| **FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 814 2700 | | | | |
| Balanced # | 151.60 | 154.10† | - 0.70 | 1.55 |
| Inc Pfolio # | 95.39 | 96.75† | + 0.31 | 2.86 |
| Cap Pfolio | 164.80 | 167.20 | + 0.40 | 0.86 |
| General Opps | 144.60 | 146.10 | - 0.60 | 4.01 |
| Growth Inc | 37.59 | 38.24 | + 0.16 | 0.96 |
| Private Portfolio | 491.50 | 499.60† | - 2.40 | 0.80 |
| **FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT** | | | | |
| Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350 | | | | |
| Euro Smlr Cos | 153.80 | 164.09† | + 1.29 | 0.38 |
| Emrg Asian | 143.80 | 155.48 | - 0.40 | .. |
| High Income | 21.37 | 22.68† | + 0.06 | 9.92 |
| UK Income | 114.60 | 122.10 | + 0.30 | 4.05 |
| US Smaller Cos | 430.60 | 458.40 | - 0.60 | |
| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511 | | | | |
| American Growth | 80.64 | 85.84 | - 0.29 | . |
| -do- Accum | 80.64 | 85.84 | - 0.29 | . |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 709.80 | 758.10† | - 1.80 | . |
| -do- Accum | 725.10 | 775.50† | - 1.80 | . |
| Capital Tst | 395.60 | 420.90† | - 0.60 | 1.50 |
| -do- Accum | 581.20 | 618.30† | - 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Conti Smllr Cos | 62.01 | 66.85 | - 0.09 | 1.09 |
| -do- Accum | 65.97 | 70.26 | - 0.08 | 1.09 |
| Convertible | 143.80 | 153.00 | + 2.50 | 5.60 |
| -do- Accum | 311.30 | 331.20 | + 5.30 | 5.60 |
| Emerging Markets | 67.38 | 71.69 | - 0.17 | 0.30 |
| -do- Accum | 67.61 | 72.23 | - 0.17 | 0.30 |
| European | 152.70 | 161.90 | + 0.80 | 0.50 |
| -do- Accum | 161.60 | 171.40 | + 0.80 | 0.50 |
| Extra Income | 389.50 | 413.70 | - 1.30 | 4.45 |
| -do- Accum | 619.20 | 658.70 | - 2.10 | 4.45 |
| Financial | 175.90 | 187.10 | + 0.60 | 0.46 |
| -do- Accum | 186.80 | 198.80 | + 0.60 | 0.46 |
| Gilt Trust | 64.64 | 66.85 | + 0.04 | 6.79 |
| -do- Accum | 98.20 | 101.29 | + 0.10 | 6.79 |
| Health Fund Inc | 263.50 | 281.50 | - 0.80 | |
| -do- Accum | 263.50 | 281.50 | - 0.80 | |
| Income & Growth | 231.80 | 246.60 | + 1.50 | 3.67 |
| -do- Accum | 367.20 | 390.60 | + 2.20 | 3.61 |
| Intl Growth | 444.70 | 473.50 | + 1.30 | |
| -do- Accum | 493.80 | 525.60 | + 1.40 | .. |
| Japan & Gen | 171.40 | 182.10 | + 0.70 | . |
| -do- Accum | 173.10 | 184.00 | + 0.70 | . |
| Monthly Inc # | 198.60 | 211.30† | + 0.60 | 4.38 |
| Managed Port Inc | 122.60 | 129.30 | + 0.20 | 1.39 |
| -do- Accum | 133.50 | 140.50 | + 0.30 | 1.39 |
| Quarterly Income # | 57.32 | 61.45† | + 0.21 | 4.91 |
| -do- Accum # | 65.85 | 70.60† | + 0.24 | 4.91 |
| Recovery | 353.10 | 377.60 | - 1.40 | |
| -do- Accum | 416.80 | 445.60 | - 1.70 | |
| UK Growth | 66.37 | 70.61 | - 0.09 | 2.76 |
| -do- Accum | 71.97 | 76.58 | - 0.11 | 2.76 |
| **FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834 | | | | |
| FP American | 61.91 | 66.00 | - 0.46 | 0.50 |
| FP Am Smlr Cos | 212.40 | 226.50 | - 1.30 | |
| FP Asian Growth | 281.60 | 300.30 | - 0.80 | |
| FP Australian | 414.80 | 442.40† | + 3.50 | |
| FP Equity Dist | 458.10 | 489.70 | - 0.40 | 2.47 |
| -do- Accum | 510.13 | 519.80 | - 1.00 | 2.47 |
| FP Euro Gth | 289.50 | 308.10 | + 1.80 | |
| -do- Accum | 316.00 | 337.00 | + 2.00 | |
| FP Intl Bond | 59.56 | 63.02† | + 0.05 | 4.70 |
| FP Intl Gth Dist | 38.64 | 41.21 | + 0.05 | 0.14 |
| -do- Accum | 56.42 | 60.18 | + 0.09 | 0.14 |
| FP Pac Basin Acc | 221.00 | 236.30 | + 0.70 | . |
| FP Income # | 59.42 | 63.38 | - 0.09 | 5.10 |
| -do- Accum # | 207.60 | 221.40 | - 0.30 | 5.10 |
| FP Jap Smlr Cos | 302.60 | 322.70 | - 0.30 | |
| FP Monthly Dist # | 75.39 | 80.41 | - 0.07 | 5.28 |
| FP Stlg Deposit | 100.90 | 100.90 | | 5.05 |
| FP Tokyo | 82.55 | 88.05† | + 0.04 | |
| FP UK Focus | 42.77 | 45.62 | + 0.04 | 2.08 |
| FP UK Growth | 199.20 | 212.40 | + 0.10 | 2.32 |
| -do- Accum | 401.40 | 428.10 | + 0.10 | 2.32 |
| Stewardship Dist | 433.80 | 462.60 | - 0.70 | 1.37 |
| -do- Accum | 544.00 | 580.20 | - 0.90 | 1.37 |
| Stwdshp Inc Dist # | 81.64 | 87.08† | + 0.02 | 4.61 |
| -do- Accum # | 111.60 | 119.00 | | 4.61 |
| N Am Stship Dist | 127.60 | 136.10 | - 0.30 | 0.25 |
| -do- Accum | 137.30 | 145.30 | - 0.20 | 0.25 |
| FP Managed Portfolio Service | | | | |
| Capital Gwth Acc | 128.90 | 137.10 | - 0.60 | 1.58 |
| Open Cap Gth Acc | 132.00 | 140.40 | - 0.50 | 0.23 |
| Cap Gth Inc Inc # | 119.50 | 127.10† | - 0.40 | 3.48 |
| Cap Gth Inc Acc # | 126.70 | 134.70 | - 0.40 | 3.40 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic # | 121.10 | 128.80† | - 0.40 | 3.76 |
| Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac # | 129.40 | 137.60 | - 0.40 | 3.76 |
| **GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 581 106/7 | | | | |
| GANDA | 291.90 | 308.70 | .. | 2 |
| Cash | 49.54 | 50.28 | ... | 5.23 |
| Growth Portfolio | 88.51 | 93.82 | | 0.87 |
| Income Portfolio | 69.82 | 73.83 | | 4.17 |
| **GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 238 6441 | | | | |
| Special Sits | 232.30 | 248.40 | | 1.06 |
| Dividend | 97.24 | 104.00 | + 0.38 | 4.11 |
| Int Gth & Inc | 251.90 | 269.40 | - 1.60 | 3.20 |
| UK & Gen | 50.48 | 53.89† | + 0.06 | 2.69 |
| Fund of Funds | 74.94 | 80.15† | - 0.33 | ... |
| **GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431 | | | | |
| American Smlr Cos | 261.80 | 280.10 | + 2.80 | 0.12 |
| European Gth | 740.80 | 791.70 | + 0.20 | 0.80 |
| Euro Eq & Bd Inc | 56.29 | 59.59 | + 0.38 | 4.77 |
| -do- Accum | 62.47 | 66.13 | + 0.40 | 4.77 |
| Far East & Gen | 278.80 | 289.70 | + 1.00 | |
| German Growth | 147.00 | 155.70 | + 1.70 | |
| High Yield # | 49.24 | 52.04 | + 0.05 | 8.04 |
| -do- Accum # | 54.25 | 57.33 | + 0.05 | 8.04 |
| Income Inc | 195.70 | 208.40† | + 0.29 | 4.11 |
| -do- Accum | 223.80 | 238.40 | + 0.30 | 4.11 |
| International | 387.80 | 414.30 | + 0.80 | 0.30 |
| Intl Income | 94.90 | 100.59 | + 0.10 | 2.95 |
| Japan Growth | 438.70 | 466.30 | + 0.20 | .. |
| Korean Securities | 53.14 | 56.84 | + 1.32 | |
| Orient Acc | 190.50 | 203.70 | + 0.10 | 0.15 |
| UK General Inc | 200.80 | 213.50 | ... | 1.54 |
| UK General Acc | 357.30 | 382.20 | - 0.10 | 1.54 |
| UK Sm Cos Div Acc | 59.62 | 63.77 | - 0.16 | 1.82 |
| UK Spec Sits | 105.28 | 112.60 | - 0.30 | 1.15 |
| US Growth | 189.70 | 201.30 | + 0.20 | .. |
| Wwide Spec Sits | 164.40 | 175.10 | + 1.50 | .. |
| **GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421 | | | | |
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| British Growth | 60.47 | 64.64† | + 0.40 | 1.79 |
| Cash Trust | 146.20 | 146.20 | + 0.01 | 5.14 |
| Practical Inv Inc # | 122.38 | 130.87† | + 0.06 | 3.68 |
| -do- Accum # | 296.01 | 316.59† | + 0.12 | 3.68 |
| UK Index | 178.97 | 179.87† | + 0.61 | 3.28 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 200.91 | 214.88 | - 0.17 | 0.54 |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| Extra Yield | 24.53 | 25.42 | + 0.02 | 7.40 |
| High Income | 34.08 | 36.37† | + 0.05 | 5.00 |
| UK Equity Income | 158.34 | 170.59† | + 0.20 | 3.08 |
| Global Bond | 29.55 | 30.63† | - 0.04 | 4.96 |
| International Funds | | | | |
| Emerging Markets | 47.90 | 51.28 | - 0.01 | . |
| Global Managed | 153.15 | 162.71 | + 0.20 | 1.41 |
| Gold & Intl Res | 111.12 | 118.84 | + 0.07 | . |
| Global Utilities | 144.48 | 153.97 | - 0.62 | 1.42 |
| Overseas Funds | | | | |
| American | 204.35 | 216.84 | - 0.83 | 0.73 |
| European | 138.08 | 146.33 | + 0.90 | 0.81 |
| Euro Sel Opps | 208.94 | 221.58† | + 1.43 | . |
| Amer Emerging | 193.10 | 206.60 | - 0.20 | . |
| Hong Kong | 164.41 | 175.78 | + 0.35 | 1.62 |
| Japan | 240.53 | 255.41 | + 1.15 | . |
| Pacific Growth | 228.93 | 242.71 | + 0.65 | . |
| Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds | | | | |
| Managed Equity | 262.51 | 262.51 | + 0.68 | 1.93 |
| Long Term Bd | 281.43 | 281.43 | + 0.66 | 2.95 |
| Med Term Bd | 238.48 | 238.48 | + 0.42 | 2.93 |
| UK Equity | 308.20 | 308.20 | + 1.19 | 2.41 |
| UK Emerging Cos | 181.24 | 181.24 | + 0.08 | 1.92 |
| American | 324.20 | 324.20† | - 1.83 | 0.83 |
| Japan | 132.97 | 132.97† | + 0.64 | . |
| European | 354.16 | 354.18† | + 2.62 | 1.00 |
| Index Linked Gilt | 184.11 | 184.11† | + 0.22 | 2.72 |
| Fixed Interest | 174.79 | 174.79† | + 0.19 | 6.38 |
| Amer Emerges | 426.12 | 426.12† | - 0.23 | .. |
| Pacific | 239.83 | 239.83 | + 0.92 | 0.88 |
| Emerging Mkts | 126.97 | 126.97† | - 0.24 | 0.52 |
| Index Stat Japan | 148.37 | 148.37 | + 0.78 | 0.21 |
| -do- Pacific Rim | 207.63 | 207.63 | + 0.83 | 1.18 |
| -do- Cont Europe | 190.37 | 190.37 | + 1.42 | 1.85 |
| Index Stat USA | 191.30 | 191.30 | - 1.03 | 1.65 |
| Gartmore Personal Pension Funds | | | | |
| Managed Equity | 123.87 | 131.77 | + 2.30 | . |
| Med Term Bd | 108.98 | 116.98 | + 0.22 | ... |
| Long Term Bd | 126.73 | 134.82 | + 0.32 | . |
| UK Equity | 143.08 | 152.20 | + 0.58 | . |
| UK Emerging Cos | 85.14 | 90.57 | + 0.04 | |
| American | 150.15 | 159.73 | + 0.16 | .. |
| Japan | 63.05 | 67.07 | - 0.20 | . |
| European | 146.99 | 156.37 | + 1.16 | ... |
| Fixed Interest | 89.89 | 95.41 | + 0.10 | |
| Index Linked Gilt | 81.91 | 87.13 | + 0.10 | |
| Deposit | 87.58 | 93.17 | + 0.01 | |
| Brokers Unit Trusts | | | | |
| BWH Intl | 161.61 | 170.12† | - 0.25 | 0.50 |
| BrdlZ Gth Port Inc | 74.24 | 78.35† | - 0.26 | 0.60 |
| -do- Inc Port Inc | 63.25 | 66.75 | - 0.16 | 3.50 |
| -do- Wwide Port | 62.64 | 66.11 | - 0.21 | 0.10 |
| **GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990 | | | | |
| Stlg & Intl Inc | 610.92 | 648.91 | + 2.28 | 1.10 |
| -do- Accum | 689.91 | 733.84 | + 2.57 | 1.10 |
| European Inc | 180.26 | 191.38 | + 0.92 | 1.42 |
| Amalgam Inc | 157.94 | 167.90 | | |
| N America Inc | 413.79 | 440.20 | - 8.14 | .. |
| Far East Inc | 375.56 | 405.12 | . | 0.13 |
| -do- Accum | 389.23 | 419.87 | . | 0.13 |
| UK Dvdd Inc | 216.06 | 229.65 | - 0.42 | 1.86 |
| **GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888 | | | | |
| UK Equity Inc # | 101.63 | 108.66 | + 0.40 | 4.56 |
| UK Small Cos | 67.08 | 71.73 | - 1.38 | 0.62 |
| British Growth | 69.25 | 74.05† | + 0.23 | 3.11 |
| American Gwth | 288.26 | 308.29 | + 0.17 | . |
| Japan Gwth | 65.91 | 70.48 | - 0.28 | . |
| Greater China | 198.46 | 212.24 | + 1.26 | 0.16 |
| Pacific Strategy | 162.71 | 174.02 | - 0.38 | ... |
| European Gwth | 121.84 | 128.45 | + 0.37 | . |
| Intl Growth | 170.71 | 182.57 | + 1.02 | .. |
| US Index (£) | 17.9818 | 18.9573 | - 0.0208 | 4.00 |
| FT-SE Mid 250 Ind | 90.46 | 96.74† | - 0.72 | 2.15 |
| Monthly Income | 41.82 | 44.75† | + 0.17 | 8.56 |
| Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0033 | | | | |
| Gvtt UK Index (£) | 15.0532 | 15.8918 | - 0.0064 | 4.75 |
| **GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 488 1212 | | | | |
| Small Cos | 116.14 | 123.55 | . | 1.51 |
| **GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 538 9668 | | | | |
| European | 587.90 | 628.60 | + 3.80 | 0.43 |
| Gilt & Fixed | 127.90 | 135.60† | - 0.10 | 5.86 |
| Growth Equity | 432.00 | 461.50 | - 0.10 | 1.25 |
| Income Trust | 151.38 | 161.00 | + 0.30 | 4.21 |
| International | 212.80 | 227.30† | + 0.40 | 0.08 |
| Japan Trust | 122.90 | 131.30 | + 0.80 | . |
| Nth American | 364.20 | 389.60 | - 1.90 | . |
| Pacific | 589.80 | 629.00 | + 1.80 | 0.18 |
| Guardhill | 641.10 | 684.90† | - 0.20 | 1.25 |
| **GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 522 2129 | | | | |
| EMU Trust | 106.65 | 112.60 | + 0.21 | 5.71 |
| Global High Inc | 101.30 | 105.18 | - 0.01 | 6.22 |
| Corporate Bond | 104.99 | 108.08 | . | 6.86 |
| Eqty & Bond Inc | 110.97 | 118.00 | + 0.33 | 5.49 |
| European Growth | 129.48 | 137.67 | + 1.02 | |
| Intl PEP Trust | 70.66 | 75.12 | + 0.26 | |
| Equity Inc | 137.39 | 146.08† | + 1.95 | 4.12 |
| -do- Accum | 201.67 | 214.43 | + 2.87 | 4.12 |
| Recovery | 399.80 | 425.00 | - 2.60 | 1.54 |
| -do- Accum | 472.60 | 502.50 | - 3.00 | 1.54 |
| St Vinc High Inc | 126.45 | 128.34† | + 0.44 | 7.61 |
| UK Emerg Cos | 313.70 | 333.50 | + 0.40 | 2.39 |
| UK Smlr Cos | 413.60 | 420.00 | - 0.40 | 2.53 |
| Glob Prv Tst | 117.55 | 124.98 | + 0.48 | 1.68 |
| -do- Accum | 120.07 | 127.66 | + 0.48 | 1.68 |
| Inc Share Tst | 87.57 | 93.11† | + 0.02 | 9.33 |
| **HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110 | | | | |
| Balanced Inc | 56.44 | 59.65 | + 0.24 | 3.44 |
| Balanced Acc | 60.04 | 63.66 | + 0.26 | 3.44 |
| Growth | 33.61 | 35.84† | + 0.19 | 1.87 |
| Growth Acc | 34.76 | 36.83 | + 0.20 | 1.87 |
| Income | 31.97 | 33.90† | + 0.17 | 4.30 |
| Income Acc | 34.16 | 36.22 | + 0.18 | 4.30 |
| Accumulation Tst | 25.90 | 28.06 | + 0.15 | 3.04 |
| **HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390 | | | | |
| High Provider | 99.71 | 103.10† | | 6.61 |
| Model Pfolio | 242.80 | 255.00† | - 0.10 | 2.57 |
| **HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 0645 494049 Dealing: 0645 484646 | | | | |
| UK Funds | | | | |
| UK Enterprise | 366.09 | 391.71† | + 0.34 | 0.94 |
| Best of British | 73.74 | 78.38 | + 0.06 | 2.14 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 157.97 | 168.81† | + 0.02 | 1.22 |
| High Income Funds | | | | |
| Income & Growth # | 310.05 | 330.19 | + 0.95 | 3.29 |
| -do- Accum # | 874.07 | 930.85 | + 2.69 | 3.29 |
| High Income | 342.67 | 365.31 | + 0.84 | 4.23 |
| Extra Income # | 286.56 | 304.75† | + 0.55 | 5.94 |
| Pref & Bond | 48.65 | 50.28 | + 0.04 | 8.30 |
| International | | | | |
| Ethical | 123.14 | 131.69† | + 0.22 | 1.85 |
| International | 329.40 | 349.95† | + 0.67 | . |
| Global Bond | 55.84 | 58.09† | - 0.04 | 5.64 |
| Ind Port Tst | 100.64 | 107.63 | - 0.25 | 0.70 |
| Global Tech | 244.46 | 263.52 | + 0.06 | |
| Overseas Funds | | | | |
| Asian Enterprise | 197.07 | 210.73 | - 0.03 | 0.03 |
| European | 620.00 | 666.77 | + 1.06 | 0.49 |
| European Income # | 93.71 | 98.80† | + 0.34 | 3.17 |
| Euro Smlr Cos | 194.36 | 207.55 | + 1.12 | 0.90 |
| European Value | 94.85 | 101.09 | + 0.05 | 0.47 |
| -do- Accum | 102.04 | 108.75 | + 0.05 | 0.47 |
| Japan Trust | 227.08 | 241.29 | + 0.19 | |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 233.33 | 248.67† | - 0.68 | |
| Pacific Smlr Cos | 247.31 | 263.48† | + 0.05 | |
| North American | 324.91 | 345.07 | - 2.97 | |
| American Smllr | 183.82 | 196.64 | - 0.33 | |
| **HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| Income & Growth # | 159.70 | 168.20† | + 0.70 | 5.02 |
| **HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS** | | | | |
| 0181 686 4355 | | | | |
| British | 123.75 | 129.59 | + 0.51 | 1.86 |
| Capital | 206.16 | 215.88† | + 0.90 | 1.28 |
| Dollar | 511.09 | 538.01 | - 1.04 | |
| Enterprise Gth | 436.09 | 456.64† | + 0.16 | 1.29 |
| European | 280.78 | 293.99 | + 2.98 | 0.48 |
| Far East | 315.72 | 330.58 | + 0.94 | |
| Financial | 510.28 | 518.76† | + 7.38 | 1.90 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int Inc | 26.29 | 27.34 | + 0.02 | 6.78 |
| High Yield # | 111.60 | 116.86 | + 0.47 | 5.16 |
| Income & Growth # | 164.15 | 171.88 | + 0.61 | 3.78 |
| International | 299.37 | 313.47 | + 1.38 | 0.13 |
| Japanese General | 211.56 | 221.52 | + 0.22 | |
| Japan Tech | 90.75 | 95.02 | + 0.14 | |
| Nat Resources | 84.83 | 88.83 | + 0.58 | 0.15 |
| Portfolio | 87.77 | 91.91 | + 0.17 | 1.04 |
| Special Sits | 219.75 | 230.70† | - 0.75 | |
| UK Emerging Cos | 132.93 | 139.19† | - 0.01 | 0.71 |
| US Smaller Cos | 168.39 | 176.33 | - 0.06 | |
| **HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Advisers 0800 181 800 Investors 0800 289 505 | | | | |
| Active Funds-UK | | | | |
| Income # | 645.30 | 688.70 | + 3.90 | 5.48 |
| UK Growth | 731.80 | 781.00 | + 3.80 | 2.87 |
| High Income # | 114.40 | 122.10† | + 0.30 | 5.90 |
| Active Funds-International | | | | |
| American Gwth | 629.70 | 666.80 | - 3.50 | 0.26 |
| European Gwth | 147.40 | 156.60 | + 1.20 | 0.11 |
| Japan Gwth | 278.80 | 295.80 | + 1.70 | |
| Japan Smllr Cos | 33.85 | 36.14 | - 0.17 | |
| Asian | 63.62 | 67.90 | + 0.17 | 0.18 |
| Sing & Malay Gwth | 86.41 | 92.22 | + 0.31 | |
| Hong Kong Gwth | 142.50 | 152.00 | + 0.10 | 1.27 |
| Global Bond | 22.43 | 23.68 | - 0.01 | 5.16 |
| Index Funds-UK | | | | |
| UK Index | 168.80 | 169.70 | + 0.70 | 3.38 |
| Trade Index | 129.20 | 132.50† | - 0.30 | 2.21 |
| THE FOOTSIE FUND | 65.54 | 65.87 | - 0.30 | 2.89 |
| Index Funds-International | | | | |
| American Index | 287.00 | 288.40 | - 1.60 | 0.97 |
| Eurotrack 100 | 200.00 | 201.00 | + 1.70 | 1.41 |
| Japan Index | 79.95 | 79.75 | + 0.54 | 0.07 |
| Tiger Index | 206.30 | 207.30† | + 0.10 | |
| **INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733 | | | | |
| UK Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| UK Smaller Cos | 49.76 | 51.81† | + 0.01 | 0.85 |
| General Funds | | | | |
| Managed Dist | 90.19 | 93.98 | + 0.14 | 1.13 |
| Managed | 92.65 | 96.46 | + 0.14 | 1.13 |
| Repsol Child Fnd | 103.40 | 107.70 | + 0.60 | 2.29 |
| UK Growth | 72.19 | 75.16 | + 0.26 | 1.96 |
| High Income Funds | | | | |
| UK Extra Inc # | 87.79 | 91.40† | + 0.40 | 5.66 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int # | 26.81 | 27.47† | + 0.02 | 8.87 |
| UK Inc & Gwth | 48.87 | 50.88 | + 0.23 | 2.97 |
| UK Income # | 383.10 | 398.90 | + 5.40 | 4.07 |
| Overseas Growth Funds | | | | |
| American Growth | 64.12 | 66.46† | - 0.30 | 0.11 |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 171.50 | 178.60 | - 0.20 | . |
| -do- Accum | 173.40 | 180.50 | - 0.20 | |
| Europe Gth | 232.90 | 242.40† | - 0.90 | |
| -do- Accum | 241.20 | 251.10† | - 0.90 | |
| Euro Smaller Cos | 45.35 | 47.21 | - 0.07 | |
| French Growth | 97.78 | 101.60 | + 0.50 | 0.33 |
| -do- Accum | 105.70 | 109.70 | + 0.40 | 0.33 |
| H Kong & China | 96.71 | 99.59 | - 0.15 | 1.26 |
| Intl Growth | 69.46 | 72.27 | + 0.32 | 0.17 |
| -do- Accum | 70.43 | 73.28 | + 0.32 | 0.17 |
| Japan Gth | 32.11 | 33.41 | + 0.18 | |
| -do- Accum | 32.11 | 33.41 | + 0.18 | |
| Japan Smaller Cos | 39.60 | 41.23† | - 0.12 | . |
| Glob Emg Mkts | 97.02 | 101.00 | + 0.10 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 97.71 | 101.70† | + 0.10 | 0.11 |
| SE Asia | 345.00 | 359.20 | + 0.30 | 0.17 |
| Overseas Income Funds | | | | |
| Intl Bond # | 53.70 | 55.33† | - 0.03 | 6.05 |
| **JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010 | | | | |
| Sector Value Inc # | 104.20 | 110.00 | .. | 3.76 |
| Sector Value Gwth | 105.30 | 111.10 | . | 2.15 |
| Hy 5 Europe | 101.50 | 106.40 | + 0.50 | 2.76 |
| Slater Gwth | 164.50 | 173.60 | + 0.10 | 0.66 |
| **JUPITER UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 581 3020 | | | | |
| World Health | 206.30 | 219.40 | - 1.20 | . |
| Income # | 212.46 | 226.01 | + 0.27 | 4.29 |
| UK Growth | 85.15 | 90.58 | | 1.89 |
| Intl Growth | 87.84 | 93.44 | + 0.14 | 0.45 |
| Ecology | 105.10 | 111.81 | - 0.34 | 0.87 |
| European | 203.74 | 216.74 | + 1.11 | 0.57 |
| Far Eastern | 311.70 | 331.50 | + 5.20 | . |
| UK Special Sits | 51.44 | 54.86 | + 0.01 | . |

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| Income Trusts | | | | |
| Bond Income | 99.73 | 103.20† | | 7.22 |
| Gilt Yield | 117.70 | 124.10† | + 0.20 | 6.83 |
| Global Income | 236.90 | 252.00† | + 0.10 | 3.54 |
| High Yield | 155.80 | 164.90 | + 1.20 | 5.44 |
| -do- Accum | 504.50 | 536.70 | + 3.80 | 5.44 |
| Smllr Cos Div | 62.73 | 66.73† | - 0.13 | 3.31 |
| Capital Growth Trusts | | | | |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 160.80 | 171.10 | - 0.50 | |
| Asian Growth | 335.80 | 357.20 | + 0.50 | 0.23 |
| -do- Accum | 394.70 | 419.90 | + 0.80 | 0.23 |
| North American | 111.20 | 118.30 | - 0.74 | 0.22 |
| European Special | 129.40 | 137.70 | + 1.20 | 1.21 |
| European | 184.10 | 195.80 | + 2.30 | 0.46 |
| -do- Accum | 243.80 | 259.10 | + 2.90 | 0.46 |
| Global Eqty Inc | 122.10 | 129.50† | + 0.70 | 1.90 |
| Japan | 408.60 | 434.70 | + 0.20 | |
| Japanese Special | 228.70 | 243.30 | - 1.40 | |
| Smaller Cos | 148.80 | 158.30 | + 3.00 | 1.03 |
| UK Equity Growth | 51.24 | 54.51† | + 0.14 | 1.83 |
| UK Index Inc | 341.50 | 343.20 | + 1.90 | 3.26 |
| Exchem Tst | 109.70 | 118.00† | - 1.90 | 7.95 |
| -do- Accum | 111.30 | 119.70† | - 1.90 | 1.95 |
| **LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Bridge Income | 306.97 | 326.56 | + 1.41 | 4.74 |
| Inc & Growth Inc | 66.98 | 71.25 | + 0.11 | 3.89 |
| Smaller Cos | 90.09 | 95.84 | - 0.31 | 1.12 |
| **LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623 | | | | |
| Growth Trust | 297.10 | 316.00 | .. | 2.57 |
| High Income | 116.29 | 123.60 | | 5.01 |
| **LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01277 690 432 | | | | |
| UK Cap | 461.20 | 489.30† | + 1.10 | 2.28 |
| UK Inc/Gth | 476.60 | 505.70† | + 1.50 | 3.85 |
| UK Income | 341.20 | 362.00† | + 0.70 | 5.02 |
| UK Sm Cos | 312.90 | 334.70† | | 1.51 |
| Euro Gwth | 168.50 | 176.60 | + 1.20 | 0.45 |
| N Amer Gwth | 126.50 | 133.80 | + 0.30 | |
| Japan Growth | 62.84 | 66.78 | + 0.06 | |
| **LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395 | | | | |
| Equity Dist @ | 583.10 | 583.10† | + 2.40 | 2.77 |
| -do- Accum @ | £12.07 | £12.07† | + 5.00 | 2.77 |
| Equity Income @# | 104.60 | 104.80 | + 0.60 | 5.06 |
| UK Tactical Allocts @ | 66.97 | 66.97† | + 0.28 | 3.95 |
| European @ | 146.80 | 146.80† | + 0.90 | 1.08 |
| Far Eastern @ | 235.20 | 235.20† | - 0.10 | . |
| Fixed Interest @ | 53.51 | 53.51† | + 0.03 | 7.46 |
| Gilt @ | 91.89 | 91.89 | + 0.23 | 6.64 |
| Global Growth @ | 85.27 | 85.27 | - 0.05 | 0.21 |
| Intl Bond @ | 53.96 | 53.96† | - 0.05 | 5.19 |
| Japanese @ | 72.86 | 72.86 | - 0.15 | |
| North American @ | 221.50 | 221.50 | - 0.60 | 0.82 |
| Pacific Growth @ | 123.10 | 123.10† | | 0.20 |
| UK Index @ | 77.72 | 77.72 | + 0.26 | 3.22 |
| UK Recovery @ | 118.70 | 118.70 | + 0.30 | 2.11 |
| UK Smaller Cos @ | 162.30 | 162.30 | + 0.40 | 1.24 |
| US Index @ | 84.61 | 84.61 | - 0.41 | 1.36 |
| European Index @ | 92.33 | 92.33† | + 0.75 | 1.72 |
| Japan Index @ | 40.64 | 40.64 | + 0.20 | . |
| Worldwide @ | 100.30 | 100.30 | + 0.20 | 1.42 |
| **LINCOLN FUND MGRS** | | | | |
| 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623 | | | | |
| Growth | 56.82 | 60.77 | + 0.29 | 2.25 |
| Income | 65.57 | 70.12 | + 0.15 | 4.15 |
| Far East | 55.53 | 59.38 | + 0.09 | 0.08 |
| North American | 135.00 | 144.30 | - 0.60 | |
| Global | 108.80 | 116.30 | + 0.30 | 0.38 |
| European | 97.25 | 104.00 | + 0.70 | 1.03 |
| Japan | 103.60 | 110.80 | + 0.40 | |
| Intl Currency Bd | 59.95 | 63.60† | + 0.01 | 4.36 |
| SE Asia | 111.40 | 119.10 | | 0.46 |
| UK Cap Growth | 103.00 | 110.10† | + 0.30 | 2.64 |
| Recovery Trust | 93.20 | 99.67 | + 0.01 | 1.22 |
| Managed | 77.61 | 83.00† | + 0.09 | 1.21 |
| Cash | 51.20 | 51.20 | + 0.01 | 4.44 |
| **LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313 | | | | |
| Balanced | 418.60 | 438.90 | - 0.10 | 2.18 |
| -do- Accum | 971.00 | £10.33 | | 2.18 |
| Constl Euro Gth | 83.11 | 87.49 | + 1.15 | 0.76 |
| -do- Accum | 89.46 | 94.16 | + 1.24 | 0.76 |
| Extra Inc | 285.70 | 304.00 | .. | 3.91 |
| -do- Accum | 782.30 | 832.30 | - 0.10 | 3.91 |
| FTSE 100 Inc | 120.60 | 128.30 | . | 2.68 |
| FTSE 100 Acc | 125.90 | 134.00 | | 2.68 |
| German Gth | 141.80 | 149.80 | + 1.10 | . |
| -do- Accum | 149.20 | 157.10 | + 1.20 | |
| Growth Port | 664.00 | 706.40† | - 6.80 | |
| -do- Accum | 692.00 | 736.20 | - 9.10 | .. |
| High Interest Inc | 97.07 | 100.60† | | 7.68 |
| High Interest Acc | 102.60 | 106.60 | | 7.68 |
| Hi Reserve Inc # | 105.60 | 113.50† | ... | 6.20 |
| Hi Reserve Acc # | 115.60 | 123.00 | | 6.20 |
| Income | 559.00 | 594.70 | + 0.10 | 3.15 |
| -do- Accum | £15.74 | £16.75 | | 3.15 |
| Income Port | 561.70 | 597.60 | + 0.10 | 4.30 |
| -do- Accum | 628.30 | 668.50 | + 0.20 | 4.30 |
| Japan Growth | 105.60 | 112.40 | + 0.90 | |
| -do- Accum | 106.00 | 112.80 | - 0.80 | |
| Master Trust | 68.44 | 72.81 | - 0.05 | 1.40 |
| -do- Accum | 79.02 | 84.07 | + 0.05 | 1.40 |
| Millennium Acc | 96.82 | 103.00 | | 2.25 |
| N American Gen | 249.40 | 265.40 | - 1.20 | |
| -do- Accum | 288.70 | 307.20 | | 1.50 |
| NAm Sm Co Rec | 209.10 | 222.50 | + 0.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 213.40 | 227.10 | + 0.10 | |
| Pacific Basin | 262.00 | 278.80 | + 0.10 | 0.13 |
| -do- Accum | 279.10 | 297.00 | + 0.10 | 0.13 |
| Small Cos Rec | 533.10 | 561.20 | - 0.10 | 1.55 |
| -do- Accum | 730.10 | 769.10 | - 0.20 | 1.55 |
| UK Eq Gth | 163.70 | 174.20† | + 0.10 | 2.56 |
| UK Eq Inc | 127.60 | 135.80† | - 3.10 | 3.89 |
| UK Growth | 104.80 | 111.50 | - 1.30 | 1.80 |
| -do- Accum | 131.50 | 139.90 | - 1.60 | 1.80 |
| Worldwide Gth | 360.80 | 383.90 | + 0.90 | 0.32 |
| -do- Accum | 533.20 | 567.30 | + 1.30 | 0.32 |
| **LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT** | | | | |
| 01392 282 673 | | | | |
| American | 89.21 | 95.54 | - 0.41 | 0.70 |
| General | 108.68 | 116.60 | + 0.09 | 2.70 |
| Income | 72.71 | 78.01† | + 0.12 | 5.37 |
| International | 75.15 | 80.63 | + 0.06 | 0.50 |
| Japan | 58.01 | 62.34† | + 0.25 | . |
| Tst of Inv Tsts | 77.40 | 83.04 | - 0.03 | 1.00 |
| **M & G SECURITIES** | | | | |
| Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390 | | | | |
| Amer & General | 527.40 | 557.30 | - 1.20 | 0.38 |
| -do- Accum | 660.10 | 697.60 | - 1.50 | 0.36 |
| Amer Recovery | 577.30 | 610.40 | - 0.90 | 0.39 |
| -do- Accum | 665.70 | 704.10 | - 1.00 | 0.29 |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 173.50 | 183.50 | - 0.50 | |
| -do- Accum | 177.30 | 187.50 | | 0.40 |
| Australasian | 204.10 | 215.80† | - 1.60 | 2.34 |
| -do- Accum | 256.40 | 271.10† | - 2.10 | 2.34 |
| Capital | 998.20 | 1055.60† | + 4.00 | 2.72 |
| -do- Accum | 1197.80 | 1266.40† | + 4.80 | 2.72 |
| Charifund | 755.50 | 763.10 | + 4.20 | 5.96 |
| -do- Accum | 3867.30 | 3906.00 | + 21.40 | 5.96 |
| Commodity | 484.30 | 512.10 | + 2.70 | 0.27 |
| -do- Accum | 716.10 | 757.30 | + 4.00 | 0.27 |
| Compound Grth | 1120.60 | 1185.00 | + 9.30 | 2.81 |
| -do- Accum | 1223.50 | 1292.70 | + 10.10 | 2.81 |
| Corporate Bond | 25.00 | 25.09† | + 0.01 | 7.60 |
| Dividend | 44.40 | 47.00 | + 0.20 | 4.66 |
| -do- Accum | 196.70 | 208.40 | + 1.10 | 4.66 |
| Equity Income | 328.60 | 347.50† | + 0.50 | 5.56 |
| -do- Accum | 455.70 | 481.90† | + 0.70 | 5.56 |
| Euro & General | 639.60 | 676.40 | + 3.70 | 0.84 |
| -do- Accum | 821.40 | 868.70 | + 4.70 | 0.84 |
| Euro Dividend | 80.10 | 85.38 | - 0.70 | 3.51 |
| -do- Accum | 102.70 | 108.50 | + 0.90 | 3.59 |
| Extra Yield | 455.80 | 482.08† | + 3.10 | 5.14 |
| -do- Accum | 1541.60 | 1630.40† | + 10.70 | 5.14 |
| Fund of Inv Tsts | 723.50 | 765.10 | - 0.30 | 2.02 |
| -do- Accum | 1388.70 | 1468.40 | - 0.80 | 2.02 |
| General | 69.30 | 73.30 | + 0.40 | 3.77 |
| -do- Accum | 204.10 | 216.00 | - 1.30 | 3.77 |
| Gilt Income | 60.80 | 60.89† | - 0.02 | 7.10 |
| -do- Accum | 184.24 | 184.51† | + 0.10 | 7.10 |
| Gold | 81.90 | 86.60 | + 0.70 | |
| -do- Accum | 98.00 | 103.60 | + 0.80 | |
| High Income | 33.10 | 35.00 | + 0.20 | 4.68 |
| -do- Accum | 141.40 | 149.60 | + 0.80 | 4.68 |
| Intl Growth | 91.80 | 97.10 | + 0.40 | 0.60 |
| -do- Accum | 162.40 | 171.90 | + 0.70 | 0.60 |
| International Inc | 112.00 | 118.40 | + 0.60 | 4.44 |
| -do- Accum | 175.40 | 185.40 | + 0.90 | 4.44 |
| Japan & Gen | 40.90 | 43.20 | - 0.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 43.90 | 46.40 | + 0.10 | |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 149.00 | 157.60 | - 0.60 | |
| -do- Accum | 150.00 | 158.70 | - 0.60 | |
| Managed Gwth | 27.30 | 28.80 | | 1.69 |
| Managed Income | 29.60 | 31.10† | + 0.10 | 4.30 |
| Midland | 63.00 | 66.60 | - 0.10 | 3.24 |
| -do- Accum | 218.40 | 231.20 | - 0.30 | 3.24 |
| Pension Ex | 1089.50 | 1116.80 | + 6.10 | 4.25 |
| Recovery | 48.10 | 50.90 | + 0.20 | 2.84 |
| -do- Accum | 82.70 | 87.60 | + 0.30 | 2.84 |
| Second General | 76.50 | 80.90 | + 0.20 | 3.87 |
| -do- Accum | 207.40 | 219.40 | + 0.50 | 3.87 |
| Smaller Cos | 70.50 | 74.60† | | 3.35 |
| -do- Accum | 146.00 | 154.50† | | 3.35 |
| Sth East Asia | 380.80 | 402.70† | - 0.20 | 1.37 |
| -do- Accum | 510.10 | 539.40† | - 0.20 | 1.37 |
| Treasury | 25.07 | 25.12† | | 5.46 |
| [illegible] | 44.60 | 47.20 | + 0.20 | 4.76 |
| -do- Accum | 189.50 | 200.70 | + 0.90 | 4.76 |
| **MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631 | | | | |
| European Growth | 101.89 | 108.39 | + 0.87 | 1.06 |
| Intl Bond | 65.88 | 69.20 | + 0.12 | 5.08 |
| Intl Equity Growth | 87.36 | 92.79 | + 0.34 | 0.74 |
| N Amer Growth | 138.21 | 146.08† | - 0.58 | 0.81 |
| Special Sits Growth | 27.36 | 29.10† | - 0.01 | 1.97 |
| UK Growth | 465.29 | 494.98 | - 0.19 | 2.47 |
| -do- Accum | 631.34 | 671.63 | - 0.36 | 2.47 |
| **MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD** | | | | |
| 01620 825867 | | | | |
| Balanced Fd # | 1484.20 | 1575.07 | .. | 2.90 |
| Income # | 1037.50 | 1053.90 | | 4.40 |
| **MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 222 4242 | | | | |
| Maldon General | 166.50 | 170.90† | . | 4.68 |
| For Manulife see Canada Life | | | | |
| **MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 363432 | | | | |
| M & S Inv Pfolio | 179.30 | 184.90 | + 0.60 | 2.53 |
| -do- Accum | 212.80 | 219.40 | + 0.70 | 2.53 |
| UK Sel Pfolio | 158.40 | 163.30 | + 0.80 | 2.54 |
| -do- Accum | 191.00 | 196.90 | + 1.00 | 2.54 |
| UK 100 Cos | 115.80 | 115.80† | + 0.80 | 2.86 |
| -do- Accum | 118.00 | 118.00† | + 0.90 | 2.86 |
| **MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01204 364 842 | | | | |
| Managed Tst | 72.72 | 77.30 | | 3.71 |
| **MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 479 4646 | | | | |
| Intl Income | 82.78 | 87.88† | - 0.07 | 3.70 |
| European | 107.80 | 114.20 | + 0.20 | 0.61 |
| Income # | 84.04 | 89.21† | - 0.06 | 4.33 |
| Nth American | 97.11 | 103.10 | - 0.90 | 0.27 |
| Far East | 181.80 | 193.00 | + 0.20 | 0.08 |
| Japan | 62.36 | 66.30 | + 0.13 | |
| Emerging Mkts | 87.75 | 93.85 | - 0.75 | . |
| Intl Growth | 131.90 | 140.00 | | 0.85 |
| UK Growth | 126.90 | 134.70 | + 0.18 | 2.44 |
| UK Smlr Co | 62.07 | 65.89 | - 0.23 | 1.36 |
| Asia Pacific | 38.68 | 41.38 | - 0.11 | 0.30 |
| Glob Gwth PEP | 63.19 | 67.07 | . | 1.21 |
| **MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| 0161 831 7433 | | | | |
| Select Portfolio | 104.50 | 111.20 | - 0.10 | |
| **MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Income | 460.48 | 489.87† | + 1.92 | 4.53 |
| Global Inc | 73.71 | 78.41† | + 0.18 | 4.19 |
| Bdl Leaders | 391.81 | 416.82† | + 1.31 | 3.52 |
| Intl Leaders | 232.96 | 247.40† | + 0.43 | 1.36 |
| PAM Mg Bal Grth | 73.39 | 76.25† | - 0.22 | 0.47 |
| **MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Dealing: 0800 445522 | | | | |
| American | 274.70 | 289.60 | - 1.60 | |
| -do- Accum | 293.70 | 309.70 | - 1.90 | ... |
| American Opps | 141.40 | 150.70 | - 0.70 | |
| -do- Accum | 143.20 | 152.60 | - 0.70 | . |
| British Blue Chip | 98.31 | 104.30 | | 2.30 |
| -do- Accum | 125.10 | 132.80 | | 2.30 |
| Cash | 100.90 | 100.90 | + 0.100 | 5.35 |
| -do- Accum | 148.10 | 148.10 | | 5.36 |
| Emerging Mkts | 129.70 | 139.50 | - 0.90 | 0.10 |
| -do- Accum | 131.40 | 141.30 | - 0.90 | 0.10 |
| European Growth | 334.00 | 353.60 | + 1.600 | 0.13 |
| -do- Accum | 364.20 | 385.60 | + 1.800 | 0.13 |
| European Income | 93.39 | 98.78 | + 0.550 | 2.91 |
| -do- Accum | 134.30 | 142.00 | + 0.700 | 2.91 |
| General | 819.20 | 858.70† | - 6.20 | 1.88 |
| -do- Accum | 1287.00 | 1348.00† | | 1.88 |
| Global Bond | 131.50 | 138.60† | | 5.86 |
| -do- Accum | 175.30 | 184.10† | + 0.100 | 5.86 |
| Gold & General | 237.60 | 254.20 | + 1.000 | 0.35 |
| -do- Accum | 245.90 | 263.10 | + 1.100 | 0.35 |
| Govt Securities | 93.88 | 96.79 | + 0.100 | 5.98 |
| -do- Accum | 195.80 | 202.90 | + 0.200 | 5.98 |
| High Yield Bd | 99.86 | 102.40† | + 0.100 | 7.34 |
| -do- Accum | 106.10 | 108.70† | | 7.34 |
| Income | 188.00 | 199.50† | + 0.500 | 4.22 |
| -do- Accum | 311.90 | 330.80† | + 0.700 | 4.22 |
| Inc Portfolio # | 112.70 | 119.30† | + 0.100 | 4.80 |
| -do- Accum # | 122.90 | 130.20† | + 0.200 | 4.80 |
| Intl Opps | 586.10 | 625.20 | + 0.200 | 0.14 |
| -do- Accum | 790.90 | 843.60 | + 0.300 | 0.14 |
| Japan | 172.90 | 184.30 | + 1.000 | |
| -do- Accum | 177.50 | 189.20 | + 1.200 | |
| New Europe | 241.00 | 257.10 | + 0.100 | 0.78 |
| -do- Accum | 250.80 | 267.50 | | 0.78 |
| Pacific | 116.60 | 124.40 | + 0.300 | 0.82 |
| -do- Accum | 125.60 | 133.90 | + 0.200 | 0.82 |
| Recovery | 453.30 | 483.50 | - 0.70 | 0.54 |
| -do- Accum | 594.80 | 634.50 | - 0.90 | 0.54 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 65.30 | 69.65† | + 0.040 | 0.74 |
| -do- Accum | 75.40 | 80.43† | + 0.050 | 0.74 |
| Portfolio | 94.52 | 100.30† | + 0.200 | 2.30 |
| -do- Accum | 116.40 | 123.40† | + 0.200 | 2.30 |
| Managed Gth | 123.00 | 128.70 | + 0.100 | 1.30 |
| Managed Inc | 121.00 | 125.50 | + 0.200 | 2.88 |
| **METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01707 662 233 | | | | |
| Eurogrowth Plus | 159.33 | 169.50 | + 0.84 | 0.14 |
| Portfolio | 81.11 | 86.29 | + 0.05 | 1.39 |
| UK Income Inc | 90.80 | 95.74† | + 0.25 | 4.54 |
| **MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126 | | | | |
| Balanced | 69.98 | 73.38 | + 0.22 | 2.61 |
| -do- Accum | 76.63 | 80.24 | + 0.24 | 2.61 |
| British Tst | 106.10 | 111.10 | + 0.50 | 2.78 |
| -do- Accum | 127.00 | 133.00 | + 0.60 | 2.78 |
| Corp Bond Inc | 99.86 | 103.50 | + 0.10 | 6.96 |
| -do- Accum | 102.10 | 105.80 | + 0.10 | 6.96 |
| Extra High Inc | 70.64 | 73.97 | + 0.19 | 7.28 |
| -do- Accum | 149.00 | 156.00 | + 0.40 | 7.28 |
| FT-SE 100 Acc | 69.36 | 72.82 | + 0.33 | 2.79 |
| FT-SE 100 Dist | 65.43 | 68.51 | + 0.31 | 2.79 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int | 55.55 | 57.80† | + 0.06 | 8.25 |
| -do- Accum | 177.00 | 184.10† | + 0.10 | 6.25 |
| High Yield | 238.80 | 250.10 | + 0.90 | 6.64 |
| -do- Accum | 647.60 | 678.30 | + 2.30 | 6.64 |
| Income | 321.10 | 336.20 | + 1.70 | 4.85 |
| -do- Accum | 754.00 | 789.50 | + 4.20 | 4.85 |
| Money Market UT | 49.51 | 49.51 | + 0.03 | 4.44 |
| -do- Accum | 82.93 | 82.93 | + 0.05 | 4.44 |
| Monthly Income | 93.13 | 97.52† | + 0.32 | 4.49 |
| Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust | | | | |
| British | 133.10 | 141.60 | + 0.70 | 1.33 |
| European Growth | 137.70 | 141.70 | - 0.80 | 0.70 |
| Gilt & Fixed | 98.98 | 105.00 | + 0.29 | 5.23 |
| Income | 103.50 | 110.10 | + 0.60 | 2.32 |
| Japan Growth | 51.23 | 54.31 | + 0.12 | |
| Managed | 84.09 | 89.46 | + 0.26 | 1.96 |
| Money Market | 95.85 | 100.80 | + 0.10 | 3.99 |
| North American | 113.80 | 120.60 | - 0.10 | 0.32 |
| Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust | | | | |
| British | 120.70 | 128.43 | + 0.60 | 1.28 |
| European Growth | 125.10 | 132.60 | - 0.80 | 0.01 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 93.42 | 99.05 | + 0.10 | 5.51 |
| Income | 101.40 | 107.90 | + 0.50 | 2.38 |
| Japan Growth | 50.98 | 54.04 | - 0.12 | |
| Managed | 80.33 | 85.46 | + 0.24 | 1.94 |
| Money Market | 87.65 | 92.91 | + 0.06 | 3.99 |
| North American | 102.70 | 108.90 | - 0.16 | 0.45 |
| Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust | | | | |
| British | 119.90 | 127.50 | + 0.60 | 1.28 |
| European Growth | 122.40 | 129.80 | - 0.70 | |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 84.07 | 89.15 | + 0.29 | 5.54 |
| Income | 98.89 | 105.20 | + 0.60 | 2.43 |
| Japan Growth | 52.11 | 55.24 | - 0.12 | |
| Managed | 82.96 | 88.25 | + 0.25 | 1.97 |
| Money Market | 79.95 | 84.74 | + 0.05 | 4.11 |
| North American | 115.00 | 121.90 | - 0.10 | 0.34 |
| **MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| International (US$) | 15.18 | 16.09 | | |
| **MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD** | | | | |
| Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171 | | | | |
| American Gwth | 483.00 | 512.70† | - 1.40 | |
| European Gth Inc | 571.30 | 614.00 | + 1.70 | |
| -do- Accum | 578.00 | 620.70 | + 1.80 | |
| Intl Gwth | 231.60 | 245.90 | + 0.50 | |
| UK Equity Inc | 226.60 | 241.40 | + 1.50 | 3.73 |
| -do- Accum | 304.20 | 323.70 | + 1.70 | 3.78 |
| UK Ind Trckr Inc | 193.40 | 206.30† | + 0.70 | 3.12 |
| -do- Accum | 239.20 | 255.20† | + 0.80 | 3.12 |
| US Eq Ind Trk Inc | 279.40 | 295.80 | - 1.40 | 0.84 |
| Japan Tracker | 74.26 | 78.30 | - 0.34 | |
| Asian Tracker | 224.00 | 241.90 | - 0.40 | 0.14 |
| Mngd Pfolio Inc | 189.80 | 202.50 | + 0.40 | 1.96 |
| Mngd Pfolio Acc | 207.10 | 221.00 | + 0.50 | 1.96 |
| Deposit Inc | 99.86 | 99.86 | + 0.02 | 5.29 |
| Europa | 269.10 | 288.30† | - 0.50 | |
| Genesis | 216.50 | 233.50 | - 0.90 | 2.40 |
| High Income | 21.22 | 22.50† | + 0.03 | 10.80 |
| **MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT** | | | | |
| 0345 090 933 | | | | |
| Acumen | 109.40 | 111.80 | | 2.12 |
| Acumen Inc | 100.20 | 102.40 | | 2.12 |
| Acumen Reserve | 94.58 | 95.52† | + 0.03 | 7.58 |
| -do- Inc | 74.06 | 74.80† | + 0.02 | 7.58 |
| American Growth | 71.44 | 73.28† | - 0.50 | |
| Equity Income # | 103.90 | 106.50† | - 0.10 | 4.61 |
| European | 83.25 | 84.71† | + 0.34 | 0.52 |
| Smaller Cos | 95.26 | 99.77 | - 0.05 | 1.06 |
| Wrdx Eqy | 78.26 | 79.90† | - 0.08 | |
| Global Bond | 45.19 | 45.68† | | 5.58 |
| UK Growth | 114.60 | 117.50 | - 0.40 | 1.55 |
| Pacific Growth | 121.70 | 125.30 | + 0.30 | 0.66 |
| Japan Growth | 98.15 | 99.82 | + 0.21 | |
| **NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| Avon Equity | 148.29 | 157.76 | + 0.94 | 2.72 |
| **N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 0161 839 8262 | | | | |
| UK Growth | 90.75 | 96.54 | + 0.39 | 2.34 |
| UK Income | 127.09 | 134.71 | + 0.55 | 4.19 |
| Higher Income | 241.04 | 255.49 | + 0.59 | 4.38 |
| Smaller Cos | 105.66 | 111.99† | + 0.01 | 1.40 |
| International | 112.85 | 120.05 | + 0.62 | 1.38 |
| **NPI INVESTMENT MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 623 4200 | | | | |
| American Dist | 132.40 | 140.90 | - 0.10 | 0.10 |
| European Dist | 148.60 | 158.10 | + 1.60 | 0.30 |
| Far East Dist | 200.50 | 213.30† | + 1.00 | |
| Global Care Dist | 88.27 | 93.90 | + 0.03 | 0.36 |
| Oseas Dist | 1194.80 | 1271.10† | + 6.40 | .. |
| -do- Accum | 1553.90 | 1653.10 | + 8.40 | |
| UK Dist | 432.80 | 460.40 | + 1.70 | 2.18 |
| -do- Accum | 879.00 | 935.10 | + 3.40 | 2.18 |
| UK Extra Inc Dist | 94.59 | 100.63† | + 0.07 | 2.90 |
| Wwide Dist | 124.40 | 132.30 | + 0.60 | |
| Wwide Inc Dist | 90.20 | 95.96 | + 0.58 | 1.38 |
| **NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 368 | | | | |
| Europa Inc | 79.29 | 83.68 | + 0.60 | 0.72 |
| Fund of Funds Inc | 70.74 | 74.66 | + 0.20 | 1.74 |
| North America Inc | 69.56 | 73.41 | - 0.26 | 0.34 |
| UK Equity Gth Inc | 69.22 | 73.06 | + 0.18 | 2.76 |
| -do- Accum | 74.51 | 78.64 | + 0.19 | 2.76 |
| UK General Inc | 68.84 | 72.65 | + 0.13 | 2.81 |
| UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc | 49.15 | 51.76 | + 0.04 | 6.49 |
| UK Income Inc | 66.31 | 69.98† | + 0.16 | 4.14 |
| **NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000 | | | | |
| American | 56.24 | 59.82 | .. | . |
| -do- Accum | 56.67 | 60.28 | .. | |
| Bond | 127.82 | 135.72 | | 5.37 |
| Cash Income | 50.77 | 50.77 | + 0.01 | 5.29 |
| -do- Accum | 69.02 | 69.02 | + 0.01 | 5.29 |
| Distribution | 104.31 | 110.96† | | 2.84 |
| European | 56.88 | 60.51 | | |
| Foundation | 109.77 | 116.77† | . | 2.68 |
| General Inc | 214.15 | 227.81 | . | 1.60 |
| General Acc | 216.29 | 230.09 | . | 1.60 |
| Global | 377.77 | 401.88† | | |
| Growth Inc | 144.70 | 153.93 | | 2.48 |
| Growth Acc | 146.68 | 156.04 | | 2.48 |
| Higher Income Inc | 31.71 | 33.73† | | 4.69 |
| -do- Accum | 38.63 | 41.09† | | 4.69 |
| Income | 259.68 | 276.25 | | 3.46 |
| Intergold | 142.56 | 148.52 | | 1.72 |
| Japan | 27.94 | 29.72† | | |
| Oriental Inc | 156.42 | 168.40† | | 0.52 |
| -do- Accum | 162.16 | 172.51† | ... | 0.52 |
| Pers Int Gwth | 36.62 | 38.95 | | . |
| **NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD** | | | | |
| 0191 285 2555 | | | | |
| High Income # | 48.01 | 50.60 | + 0.07 | 6.35 |
| Managed | 115.40 | 122.10 | - 0.90 | 2.41 |
| **NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 01603 682 234 | | | | |
| Master Trust | 143.52 | 151.07† | + 0.28 | 0.96 |
| UK Equity | 170.18 | 179.14† | + 0.78 | 2.86 |
| UK Equity Income | 153.65 | 161.74 | + 0.72 | 3.19 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 140.26 | 147.64 | - 0.11 | 1.51 |
| UK Equity Growth | 153.27 | 161.34† | + 0.56 | 1.19 |
| UK Index Trckg | 168.98 | 178.34† | + 0.95 | 3.43 |
| Intl Index Trckg | 174.38 | 184.04† | + 0.06 | 0.92 |
| International | 282.93 | 297.82 | + 0.57 | 0.71 |
| European | 256.39 | 269.88† | + 1.55 | 0.36 |
| Pan European | 171.18 | 180.19 | + 0.99 | 1.24 |
| Nth American | 244.61 | 257.48 | - 0.85 | 0.11 |
| N Amer Smlr Cos | 245.76 | 258.69 | - 0.29 | . |
| Japanese | 94.20 | 99.16 | + 0.09 | |
| Pacific | 248.00 | 261.05 | + 0.52 | 0.51 |
| South East Asian | 285.40 | 300.42 | + 0.14 | 0.71 |
| Intl Bond | 137.22 | 144.44 | + 0.11 | 4.22 |
| Gilt & Convertible | 108.86 | 114.61 | + 0.08 | 5.22 |
| Property | 83.63 | 88.03 | + 0.03 | 5.77 |
| **OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01256 768 888 | | | | |
| European Inc | 356.10 | 382.20 | + 3.00 | 0.15 |
| -do- Accum | 378.20 | 405.90 | + 3.20 | 0.15 |
| Japan Inc | 113.10 | 120.80 | + 0.60 | . |
| Nth American Inc | 141.00 | 150.00† | - 0.50 | 0.62 |
| Worldwide Inc | 179.10 | 192.50† | | 0.03 |
| Hong Kong Inc | 174.10 | 187.00† | + 0.39 | 1.18 |
| Swiss Equities Inc | 89.82 | 96.02 | + 0.62 | |
| Wwide Bond Inc | 66.77 | 70.59† | + 0.07 | 5.20 |
| Emging Asia Inc | 200.50 | 218.30 | + 0.20 | 0.15 |
| -do- Accum | 201.30 | 219.20 | + 0.30 | 0.15 |
| UK Mony Mkt Inc | 50.31 | 50.31† | + 0.01 | 5.80 |
| Thailand Inc | 137.70 | 153.00 | - 0.20 | 1.60 |
| New Zealand Inc | 102.60 | 110.20 | - 0.90 | 2.88 |
| Intl Mngd PEP Inc | 71.07 | 76.15 | + 0.10 | 1.86 |
| Latin Am Corp Inc | 66.01 | 70.82 | - 0.16 | 0.58 |
| UK All Sh Mtn Inc | 71.08 | 72.21 | + 0.26 | 2.66 |
| Broker Unit Trusts | | | | |
| Global Trustees | 88.59 | 94.75 | - 0.31 | |
| Global Portfolio | 79.31 | 84.82 | - 0.35 | |
| Global Opps | 68.10 | 72.83 | - 0.27 | ... |
| Marsh Global Grth | 68.94 | 73.11 | - 0.05 | . |
| CAM Brit Gwth Inc | 108.80 | 116.80 | + 0.80 | . |
| Temple Equity Inc | 49.98 | 53.23 | + 0.02 | 4.26 |
| Hartley Growth | 112.80 | 120.00 | + 0.30 | 0.41 |
| Ioif Growth Inc | 87.19 | 93.25† | - 0.14 | 0.68 |
| IPS Portfolio Inc | 93.10 | 99.57 | + 0.50 | ... |
| Premier Perfms Inc | 71.74 | 76.73 | - 0.24 | 1.37 |
| Roxborough Stck Gth | 81.50 | 87.17 | - 0.24 | 0.65 |
| International Gwth | 85.75 | 91.22 | - 0.29 | . |
| UFC Ind-Act Grth | 63.59 | 68.01 | - 0.24 | . |
| Chatfield Port of Fds | 58.09 | 60.73 | - 0.19 | . |
| Lowes Intl Growth | 52.17 | 54.92† | - 0.25 | 0.12 |
| **PM UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 588 3983 | | | | |
| Equity Gth | 246.80 | 262.60 | + 0.30 | 1.15 |
| European Gth | 130.80 | 138.40 | + 0.40 | 0.64 |
| Income & Gth # | 161.80 | 172.10† | - 0.10 | 2.77 |
| Japan Gth | 112.20 | 119.40 | - 0.40 | .. |
| Nth Amer Gth | 216.10 | 229.90 | - 0.30 | |
| Overseas Gth | 123.60 | 131.50 | . | 0.06 |
| **PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470 | | | | |
| Equity | 280.10 | 297.90 | + 0.10 | 2.43 |
| -do- Accum | 613.00 | 652.00 | + 0.10 | 2.43 |
| Growth | 183.70 | 193.30 | + 0.10 | 2.67 |
| Income | 273.50 | 290.90 | + 0.10 | 3.55 |
| Intl Equity | 288.40 | 306.70† | + 0.50 | 0.68 |
| -do- Accum | 322.90 | 343.50 | + 0.60 | 0.68 |
| UK Income | 74.66 | 78.42 | + 0.04 | 3.17 |
| UK Intl 25 | 94.57 | 100.60 | + 0.10 | 2.03 |
| New Europe | 103.20 | 109.70 | + 0.50 | 0.18 |
| **PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT** | | | | |
| 01491 417 000 | | | | |
| Intl Growth Inc | 697.53 | 745.97 | - 0.70 | 0.42 |
| -do- Accum | 700.26 | 748.90 | - 0.70 | 0.42 |
| Income | 438.39 | 468.87 | + 2.34 | 3.14 |
| Wwide Recovery | 463.27 | 495.48 | + 0.29 | 0.44 |
| Amer Growth Inc | 318.76 | 339.64 | - 1.60 | 0.01 |
| -do- Accum | 318.76 | 339.64 | - 1.60 | 0.01 |
| Intl Emerging Cos | 298.57 | 318.33 | - 0.75 | 0.01 |
| Far Estn Grth Inc | 312.22 | 333.93 | + 1.28 | 0.88 |
| -do- Accum | 313.26 | 335.14 | + 1.28 | 0.88 |
| Euro Gwth Inc | 181.83 | 193.97 | + 0.95 | 0.76 |
| -do- Accum | 182.47 | 194.64 | + 0.95 | 0.76 |
| UK Growth Inc | 115.46 | 123.49 | + 0.53 | 2.61 |
| -do- Accum | 124.00 | 132.63 | + 0.57 | 2.61 |
| High Income | 113.59 | 121.49 | + 0.49 | 3.79 |
| Jap Gwth Inc | 206.70 | 221.07 | - 0.75 | 0.38 |
| -do- Accum | 206.70 | 221.07 | - 0.75 | 0.38 |
| PEP Bond | 52.50 | 54.86 | - 0.08 | 7.56 |
| PEP Growth | 146.89 | 157.05 | + 0.11 | 0.77 |
| Asian Sir Mkn Inc | 138.90 | 148.56 | - 0.05 | 0.34 |
| -do- Accum | 139.23 | 148.91 | - 0.06 | 0.34 |
| Amer Smlr Co Inc | 205.76 | 220.07 | - 0.88 | 0.01 |
| -do- Accum | 205.76 | 220.07 | - 0.88 | 0.01 |
| Global Bond | 56.28 | 58.42† | | 5.00 |
| UK Smaller Cos Inc | 108.88 | 116.45 | - 0.21 | 1.56 |
| -do- Accum | 115.99 | 124.05 | - 0.22 | 1.56 |
| **PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0191 201 3927 | | | | |
| American | 144.68 | 153.91 | - 0.40 | . |
| European | 94.51 | 100.54† | - 0.42 | . |
| Global | 71.50 | 76.06 | - 0.22 | . |
| Pacific | 61.95 | 65.90 | - 0.35 | .. |
| UK Inc & Gth | 81.38 | 86.57† | - 0.32 | 1.67 |
| **PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430 | | | | |
| Emerg Mkts | 50.19 | 53.11† | - 0.12 | 0.98 |
| Fund of Funds Inc | 196.64 | 208.08 | - 0.48 | 0.57 |
| Fund of Funds Acc | 198.09 | 209.62 | - 0.48 | 0.57 |
| High Income # | 54.58 | 57.76† | - 0.14 | 5.63 |
| Performance | 47.84 | 50.69 | - 0.08 | . |
| **PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 01732 740 700 | | | | |
| Principal Tst | 176.94 | 188.24† | + 0.80 | 1.97 |
| **PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443 | | | | |
| American Income | 123.80 | 131.70 | - 0.50 | 3.21 |
| Conv & Gilt | 121.00 | 128.60† | + 0.20 | 4.94 |
| European Income | 90.68 | 96.47 | + 0.51 | 3.07 |
| Extra Income | 184.20 | 195.90† | + 0.40 | 4.56 |
| -do- Accum | 241.30 | 256.70 | + 0.50 | 4.56 |
| Far East | 427.90 | 455.70† | + 1.50 | . |
| -do- Accum | 436.90 | 464.80 | + 1.60 | . |
| Global Income | 29.40 | 31.28 | + 0.13 | 3.85 |
| High Income | 141.80 | 150.80 | + 0.40 | 4.24 |
| -do- Accum | 178.90 | 190.30 | + 0.50 | 4.24 |
| International | 220.40 | 234.40 | + 0.70 | 0.55 |
| -do- Accum | 228.30 | 242.80 | + 0.70 | 0.55 |
| Pref & Fxd Int | 43.04 | 45.79 | - 0.61 | 7.59 |
| Special Sits | 149.40 | 158.90 | - 0.10 | 1.29 |
| -do- Accum | 165.50 | 176.10 | - 0.10 | 1.29 |
| Technology | 727.90 | 774.40 | - 1.50 | |
| UK Blue Chip | 89.53 | 95.24† | + 0.31 | 2.95 |
| -do- Accum | 104.90 | 111.50 | + 0.30 | 2.95 |
| **PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 478 3377 Client Enq 0171 911 4490 | | | | |
| Managed Fd | 46.74 | 48.44† | + 0.13 | 1.69 |
| Cash Haven Inc | 101.30 | 101.80† | + 0.01 | 4.70 |
| Cash Haven Acc | 118.76 | 119.34 | + 0.01 | 4.70 |
| Dist Trust Inc | 107.39 | 111.29† | + 0.29 | 5.86 |
| Dist Trust Acc | 120.35 | 124.72 | + 0.98 | 5.86 |
| Global Growth | 107.55 | 114.41† | + 0.40 | 1.28 |
| Equity Inc | 90.72 | 96.51† | - 1.17 | 4.67 |
| Equity | 893.19 | 950.20 | + 3.36 | 2.45 |
| European | 274.56 | 284.52 | + 2.32 | 0.86 |
| High Income | 92.77 | 98.69† | + 0.14 | 5.31 |
| Intl Gwth | 227.09 | 241.59† | + 0.77 | 1.21 |
| Intl Sel Co | 99.62 | 105.98† | + 0.10 | 0.45 |
| Japanese | 219.35 | 233.35† | + 0.68 | |
| Nth Amer | 242.63 | 251.35† | - 1.49 | 1.33 |
| Pacific Mkts | 120.73 | 124.58† | + 0.28 | 0.66 |
| Premier Inc | 48.57 | 50.56† | + 0.09 | 6.69 |
| Sm Cos | 114.05 | 121.33 | - 0.26 | 1.76 |
| Spec Sits | 129.20 | 137.45† | + 0.52 | 2.66 |
| UK Growth | 145.89 | 158.39† | + 0.59 | 2.19 |
| **QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 407 5966 | | | | |
| Hi Inc Hi Inc | 53.06 | 57.34† | | 3.85 |
| Investment Trust | 116.83 | 122.85† | - 0.03 | 0.67 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 110.23 | 115.91 | - 0.53 | 1.20 |
| **RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01892 510 033 | | | | |
| British Life | 345.00 | 366.90 | + 0.20 | 3.42 |
| **ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| Dealers: 0171 623 1000 | | | | |
| Five Arrows Funds: | | | | |
| America (Inc) | 677.39 | 719.23† | - 2.36 | 0.20 |
| America (Acc) | 793.70 | 842.72 | - 2.76 | 0.20 |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 61.02 | 65.25 | - 0.11 | |
| Asia | 55.42 | 59.46 | | 0.02 |
| European | 422.85 | 449.01 | - 1.96 | 0.52 |
| Japan | 237.83 | 253.08 | + 1.53 | |
| Jap Smllr Cos | 41.92 | 44.72 | - 0.09 | |
| Major UK Cos | 119.17 | 127.03 | - 0.02 | 1.99 |
| Smlr UK Cos | 410.26 | 446.63† | + 0.76 | 1.02 |
| UK Equity Inc | 187.70 | 200.63 | + 0.19 | 4.24 |
| Five Arrows Portfolio Fund | | | | |
| Asia Pacific | 51.73 | 54.02 | - 0.29 | |
| Cash | 48.34 | 50.35 | + 0.01 | 5.88 |
| Emerging Mkts | 49.66 | 51.86 | | 0.37 |
| Europe | 62.97 | 65.76 | - 0.06 | |
| Global Fixed Int # | 52.10 | 54.41 | - 0.02 | 5.65 |
| Japan | 43.62 | 45.55 | - 0.03 | |
| Latin America | 70.97 | 74.11 | - 0.11 | |
| UK | 65.58 | 68.49 | - 0.17 | 0.48 |
| UK Equity Inc # | 62.23 | 64.99 | - 0.12 | 4.01 |
| UK Fixed Int # | 51.23 | 53.50 | - 0.03 | 7.28 |
| Portfolio Service PEP | | | | |
| Pep Gth Port | 52.21 | 54.10 | + 0.12 | 5.65 |
| Pep Inc Port # | 50.80 | 52.64 | - 0.08 | 4.17 |
| RAM Personal Pension | | | | |
| Deposit | 90.28 | 95.03 | + 0.02 | |
| Gilt | 100.43 | 105.71 | + 0.17 | .. |
| Managed | 119.15 | 125.41 | + 0.13 | |
| Portfolio | 51.21 | 53.90 | - 0.16 | |
| **ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000 | | | | |
| United States | 123.20 | 131.00 | - 0.40 | 0.24 |
| Pacific Basin | 83.26 | 89.35 | + 0.36 | 0.25 |
| High Inc Dist | 157.40 | 168.30 | - 0.20 | 3.92 |
| Ryl Life Intl Cncy | 64.08 | 67.68† | + 0.02 | 3.82 |
| Ryl Life Intl Gwth | 80.31 | 85.53† | + 0.21 | |
| Ryl Life Intl Spec | 74.88 | 79.65 | + 0.17 | |
| UK Emerging Cos | 142.40 | 153.90 | - 0.50 | 1.35 |
| UK Index Trckg | 200.30 | 212.90 | - 0.50 | 3.50 |
| European | 173.80 | 186.10 | + 0.20 | 0.25 |
| Managed | 182.10 | 195.80 | - 0.20 | 1.01 |
| **ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01206 784 400 | | | | |
| American Growth | 201.80 | 214.40 | - 0.40 | 1.32 |
| European Growth | 140.60 | 149.00† | + 0.40 | 1.97 |
| Far East Growth | 145.80 | 155.20 | - 0.60 | 0.16 |
| Japan Growth | 129.60 | 137.80 | | 0.22 |
| Special Sits | 250.40 | 266.30† | - 0.80 | 1.92 |
| UK Growth | 102.30 | 108.80 | - 0.30 | 2.92 |
| Trilon General | 293.30 | 312.10 | - 0.30 | 1.75 |
| **ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD** | | | | |
| 0141 307 6500 | | | | |
| Far East Inc | 176.90 | 187.20 | | 0.72 |
| Gtr Euro Prog Inc | 422.90 | 447.50 | + 1.80 | 0.51 |
| -do- Accum | 660.90 | 699.40 | + 2.80 | 0.51 |
| Growth Inc | 157.50 | 166.70 | + 1.00 | 0.90 |
| -do- Accum | 161.90 | 171.30 | + 0.90 | 0.90 |
| International Inc | 413.50 | 437.60 | + 2.30 | 2.04 |
| -do- Accum | 572.20 | 605.50 | + 3.10 | 2.04 |
| Nth Am & Intl Inc | 410.40 | 434.30 | - 0.60 | 0.22 |
| UK Gen Prog Inc | 254.80 | 269.70 | + 0.70 | 1.24 |
| -do- Accum | 291.90 | 308.90 | + 0.80 | 1.24 |
| UK High Inc Inc | 149.00 | 157.70 | + 0.30 | 4.56 |
| **SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 330 0572 | | | | |
| Asian Gwth | 123.34 | 131.20 | - 0.03 | 0.75 |
| European Gwth | 92.17 | 98.05 | + 0.54 | 1.00 |
| Global Bd | 61.42 | 64.92† | + 0.04 | 5.00 |
| Japan | 55.02 | 58.53 | + 0.13 | . |
| UK Gwth | 90.68 | 96.46 | - 0.35 | 1.75 |
| **SAVE & PROSPER GROUP** | | | | |
| Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770 | | | | |
| Amer Inc & Gwth # | 92.11 | 97.99 | - 0.21 | 3.08 |
| Amer Smllr Cos | 155.90 | 165.90 | - 0.20 | |
| Capital Portfolio | 158.30 | 168.40 | - 0.30 | 0.89 |
| Cash | 135.10 | 135.10† | | 5.13 |
| China Dragon | 64.69 | 68.82 | - 0.15 | 1.30 |
| Commodity | 153.00 | 162.80 | + 0.10 | |
| Emerging Mkts | 37.80 | 40.21 | - 0.11 | 0.30 |
| Energy Inds | 176.80 | 188.10 | - 0.20 | |
| European Gwth | 242.30 | 257.80 | + 0.90 | 0.28 |
| Euro Inc & Gwth # | 97.09 | 103.30 | + 0.50 | 1.63 |
| Euro Smllr Cos | 74.97 | 79.75 | - 0.16 | 0.23 |
| Exempt Income # | 158.40 | 161.30† | - 0.60 | 3.58 |
| Extra Income # | 56.95 | 58.79† | - 0.03 | 5.94 |
| Far Eastern | 112.20 | 119.40 | + 0.10 | ... |
| FE Sm Cos | 45.49 | 48.39 | + 0.06 | . |
| Financial Secs | 309.40 | 329.10 | - 1.00 | 0.77 |
| Gold & Exploration | 112.70 | 119.90 | | |
| Growth | 448.60 | 450.90 | - 0.80 | 1.69 |
| High Income # | 49.14 | 49.14† | + 0.05 | 7.41 |
| High Yield # | 263.20 | 280.00† | - 0.70 | 2.58 |
| Intl Bond | 167.10 | 176.50† | - 0.10 | 5.79 |
| ITU | 241.60 | 257.00 | + 0.30 | 0.95 |
| Income # | 135.10 | 143.70† | - 0.20 | 3.56 |
| Japan Growth | 181.10 | 192.50† | + 0.30 | |
| Japan Smllr | 201.50 | 214.40 | - 1.80 | |
| Korea | 51.79 | 55.10 | + 0.97 | . |
| Latin America | 41.39 | 44.03 | - 0.26 | 0.76 |
| Masterfund | 66.71 | 67.05 | - 0.09 | 0.05 |
| Premier Eq Grth | 162.40 | 172.80 | - 0.40 | 1.02 |
| Premier Eq Inc # | 363.80 | 387.00 | - 0.80 | 3.98 |
| Scotyields # | 284.50 | 302.70† | - 0.70 | 2.30 |
| Select Intl | 159.30 | 169.50 | + 0.60 | 0.67 |
| Smaller Cos Inc # | 266.90 | 283.90† | - 1.20 | 3.16 |
| SE Asia | 51.90 | 55.21 | + 0.03 | 0.35 |
| Southern Africa | 58.29 | 62.01† | - 0.32 | 1.31 |
| UK & O'seas | 200.70 | 213.50 | - 0.20 | 1.05 |
| UK Eqty Gth | 82.21 | 87.46 | - 0.25 | 1.48 |
| UK Eqty Inc # | 258.10 | 274.60 | - 0.50 | 4.29 |
| UK Gth & Inc # | 293.60 | 312.30 | - 0.90 | 3.40 |
| UK Sm Cos | 61.70 | 65.64 | - 0.13 | 1.22 |
| US Growth | 218.20 | 233.20 | - 0.80 | |
| Univ Growth | 162.30 | 172.70 | + 0.50 | 0.70 |
| **SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD** | | | | |
| Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540 | | | | |
| Retail Funds | | | | |
| American | 347.63 | 367.68 | + 0.46 | 0.54 |
| -do- Accum | 383.40 | 405.51 | + 0.50 | 0.54 |
| European Gwth | 93.40 | 98.89 | + 0.98 | 0.91 |
| Euro Smlr Cos | 114.58 | 121.73 | + 0.49 | 0.23 |
| Far Eastern Gth | 111.15 | 118.55 | + 0.22 | |
| -do- Accum | 113.29 | 120.83 | + 0.21 | |
| Gilt & Fixed Int # | 51.64 | 54.41† | + 0.42 | 7.59 |
| Global Bond # | 51.29 | 52.99 | - 0.09 | 6.43 |
| -do- Accum # | 61.10 | 63.13 | - 0.11 | 6.43 |
| Global Emer Mkts | 57.14 | 60.94 | - 0.14 | . |
| -do- Accum | 57.19 | 60.99 | - 0.15 | . |
| Income # | 416.67 | 444.44† | + 2.58 | 4.97 |
| -do- Accum # | £14.11 | £15.05† | + 8.71 | 4.97 |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 435.37 | 464.39 | - 3.65 | |
| -do- Accum | 436.24 | 465.32 | - 3.66 | . |
| Japan Enterprise | 65.29 | 69.64 | - 0.11 | . |
| Pacific Gwth | 161.51 | 172.27† | + 0.05 | 0.68 |
| -do- Accum | 167.30 | 178.45† | + 0.05 | 0.68 |
| Portfolio | 95.40 | 102.82† | + 0.48 | 1.70 |
| -do- Accum | 107.22 | 114.36† | + 0.54 | 1.70 |
| Seoul | 44.25 | 47.19 | + 0.88 | . |
| -do- Accum | 44.25 | 47.19 | + 0.89 | . |
| Smaller Cos | 326.18 | 347.92 | - 0.43 | 0.70 |
| Strategic Inc | 102.05 | 108.73† | + 0.37 | 2.28 |
| Strategic Acc | 102.90 | 109.64† | + 0.38 | 2.28 |
| Tokyo | 127.45 | 135.94† | + 0.10 | |
| -do- Accum | 128.74 | 137.31† | + 0.10 | |
| UK Enterprise | 339.99 | 361.58 | + 3.46 | 2.16 |
| -do- Accum | 418.30 | 446.82 | + 4.27 | 2.16 |
| UK Equity | 305.95 | 326.34 | + 1.80 | 2.45 |
| -do- Accum | 618.39 | 659.63 | + 3.24 | 2.45 |
| US Smllr Cos | 232.99 | 248.52 | + 0.18 | |
| -do- Accum | 232.99 | 248.52 | + 0.18 | |
| Institutional Funds | | | | |
| European | 295.43 | 308.44 | + 2.12 | 1.44 |
| -do- Accum | 333.63 | 346.06 | + 2.39 | 1.44 |
| Euro Smllr Cos | 38.87 | 39.62 | + 0.16 | 1.16 |
| -do- Accum | 40.98 | 42.63 | + 0.18 | 1.16 |
| Global Equity Inc | 94.08 | 97.99 | + 0.27 | 0.92 |
| Japan Smllr Cos | 38.28 | 39.87 | - 0.11 | 0.10 |
| -do- Accum | 38.65 | 40.26 | - 0.11 | 0.10 |
| Mngd Balanced | 227.28 | 236.75† | + 1.13 | 3.19 |
| -do- Accum | 267.09 | 278.21† | + 1.32 | 3.19 |
| Overseas Equity | 225.08 | 234.45 | + 1.13 | 1.20 |
| -do- Accum | 236.10 | 245.92 | + 1.18 | 1.20 |
| Oseas Smlr Cos | 150.70 | 156.97† | + 0.08 | 0.95 |
| -do- Accum | 159.43 | 166.07† | + 0.09 | 0.95 |
| Pacific | 287.29 | 299.26 | + 1.21 | 1.24 |
| -do- Accum | 318.49 | 331.76 | + 1.33 | 1.24 |
| Recovery | 123.94 | 124.93 | + 5.88 | 2.96 |
| -do- Accum | 126.34 | 127.44 | + 6.48 | 2.96 |
| UK Index | 186.45 | 194.21† | + 0.96 | 3.36 |
| -do- Accum | 240.27 | 250.28† | + 1.24 | 3.36 |
| UK Small Cos | 144.60 | 150.62† | - 0.07 | 2.37 |
| -do- Accum | 160.53 | 167.21† | - 0.07 | 2.37 |
| US Smllr Cos | 67.50 | 70.31 | + 0.05 | 0.46 |
| -do- Accum | 69.13 | 72.00 | + 0.05 | 0.46 |
| **SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0141 204 2290 | | | | |
| Equity Income | 59.39 | 62.80 | - 0.15 | 3.06 |
| Equity Trust | 77.22 | 81.66 | - 0.14 | 2.80 |
| Equity Strategy | 91.46 | 96.72 | - 0.36 | 1.28 |
| European Opps | 106.50 | 112.72 | + 0.42 | 0.47 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 81.16 | 85.83 | - 0.31 | 0.81 |
| Mansions Inc | 96.68 | 101.26 | - 0.01 | 6.00 |
| Japanese | 78.86 | 83.39 | + 0.51 | |
| Asia Pacific | 125.81 | 133.04 | + 0.32 | 0.47 |
| American | 135.56 | 143.35 | - 0.53 | 0.20 |
| **SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 454 422 | | | | |
| Cash | 33.26 | 33.26 | + 0.01 | 5.84 |
| UK General Inc | 62.98 | 67.16 | + 0.24 | 3.25 |
| -do- Accum | 85.49 | 91.16 | + 0.33 | 3.25 |
| Intl Income | 297.77 | 317.33 | + 0.04 | 1.62 |
| -do- Accum | 532.35 | 568.67 | + 0.07 | 1.82 |
| European | 103.49 | 108.57 | + 0.92 | 1.90 |
| Japan | 68.23 | 72.27 | + 0.29 | 0.03 |
| American | 96.97 | 102.58 | - 0.61 | 1.55 |
| Far East | 91.32 | 97.47 | + 0.23 | 1.44 |
| Ethical Inc | 40.97 | 43.82 | - 0.04 | 1.72 |
| UK Blue Chip Inc | 40.57 | 43.32† | + 0.21 | 3.12 |
| High Inc Inc | 42.17 | 44.98 | + 0.02 | 3.81 |
| UK Global Inc | 48.29 | 51.49† | + 0.01 | 1.96 |
| Wwide Tact | 82.29 | 87.75 | + 0.42 | 1.13 |
| Europe 2000 Tact | 71.55 | 76.89 | + 0.51 | 1.42 |
| Technology | 158.42 | 168.51 | + 0.23 | 0.88 |
| **SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS** | | | | |
| 0131 225 2211 | | | | |
| UK Equity | 486.80 | 517.80 | + 1.70 | 2.69 |
| American | 354.00 | 376.30 | - 0.60 | 0.44 |
| Pacific | 418.60 | 445.60 | + 2.00 | 0.22 |
| European | 699.70 | 749.30 | + 2.80 | 1.11 |
| Worldwide | 104.10 | 111.30 | + 0.80 | 0.62 |
| **SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0141 248 6100 | | | | |
| UK Equity Inc | 332.60 | 353.90 | + 1.20 | 1.96 |
| -do- Accum | 435.80 | 463.70 | + 1.60 | 1.96 |
| UK Sir Co Eq Inc | 282.60 | 300.70 | + 0.30 | 1.16 |
| -do- Accum | 347.70 | 369.90 | + 0.40 | 1.16 |
| Select Opptys Inc | 84.79 | 90.69† | + 0.50 | 1.61 |
| Income Plus Inc | 82.58 | 87.71† | + 0.49 | 3.14 |
| European Inc | 446.40 | 474.60 | + 3.50 | 0.89 |
| -do- Accum | 509.20 | 541.40 | + 3.90 | 0.89 |
| Far Eastern Inc | 185.60 | 197.50 | + 0.40 | 0.81 |
| -do- Accum | 213.90 | 227.80 | + 0.50 | 0.87 |
| Japanese Inc | 61.73 | 65.68 | + 0.42 | |
| Nth American Inc | 325.60 | 346.20 | - 1.60 | 0.25 |
| Intl Growth Inc | 234.60 | 249.60 | + 0.80 | 0.26 |
| Wwide Venture Inc | 96.20 | 102.40† | + 0.50 | 0.37 |
| **SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT** | | | | |
| 0131 668 3724 | | | | |
| Equity Inc | 454.90 | 485.10 | - 0.70 | 2.34 |
| -do- Accum | 689.80 | 735.70 | - 1.00 | 2.34 |
| UK High Inc | 216.80 | 231.20 | | 2.68 |
| -do- Accum | 330.50 | 352.50 | | 2.68 |
| Europe Inc | 479.70 | 511.60 | + 2.30 | 0.54 |
| Nth Amer Inc | 330.20 | 352.10 | - 1.60 | |
| Global Inc | 265.70 | 283.40 | + 1.00 | 0.30 |
| Global Acc | 287.50 | 306.60 | + 0.90 | 0.30 |
| UK Spec Sits Inc | 131.00 | 139.70 | - 0.10 | 1.70 |
| South East Asia | 239.70 | 255.70 | + 0.80 | 0.21 |
| Cash Trust Inc | 101.30 | 101.30 | | 5.05 |
| UK Smlr Cos Inc | 125.30 | 133.60 | - 0.20 | 1.63 |
| -do- Accum | 131.70 | 140.40 | - 0.30 | 1.63 |
| Intl Bond Inc | 95.04 | 100.90 | - 0.10 | 5.31 |
| **SHARP (ALBERT E)** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010 | | | | |
| European | 162.50 | 171.00 | - 0.80 | 0.72 |
| Nth American | 143.60 | 151.20 | - 0.20 | 0.05 |
| Intl Bond & Conv | 129.60 | 136.40 | . | 6.53 |
| Pooled Pension (£) | 237.30 | 255.20† | - 2.00 | 2.04 |
| Smaller Cos | 118.30 | 124.50 | - 0.20 | 0.71 |
| UK General # | 166.90 | 175.70 | | 2.15 |
| Far Eastern | 98.42 | 103.60 | - 0.10 | |
| **SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 626 6226 | | | | |
| UK Equity Inc : | 112.11 | | + 0.30 | 4.79 |
| Sterling Reserve : | 101.03 | | + 0.01 | 4.70 |
| Preferred Income : | 102.92 | | + 0.19 | 4.81 |
| Tai Pan : | 104.34 | | + 0.12 | |
| Aztec : | 68.49 | | - 0.19 | |
| Amer Gth Fund : | 130.95 | | - 0.21 | |
| European : | 166.92 | | + 0.84 | |
| Global Bond : | 31.94 | | + 0.11 | 8.15 |
| Sumeria : | 57.90 | | - 0.14 | |
| UK Growth : | 111.97 | | + 0.38 | 2.31 |
| UK Emerg Leaders : | 115.03 | | - 0.06 | 2.31 |
| Investment Trust : | 116.54 | | + 0.06 | 0.97 |
| Roll Up : | 96.15 | | | |
| Glob Gwth PEP | 78.91 | 83.94 | + 0.31 | 1.12 |
| Inv Trust PEP | 58.70 | 62.44 | + 1.33 | 2.48 |
| Pref Inc PEP # | 104.40 | 111.40 | | 6.03 |
| **SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS** | | | | |
| 0171 637 5377 | | | | |
| American | 459.90 | 486.60 | - 4.40 | 0.14 |
| Capital | 146.30 | 156.50 | - 0.20 | 1.10 |
| Cash | 100.10 | 100.10† | + 0.01 | 5.15 |
| European | 164.90 | 174.50 | + 1.20 | 0.68 |
| Far Eastern | 163.70 | 173.20† | + 0.70 | |
| Growth | 164.50 | 174.10 | - 0.30 | 1.06 |
| Income # | 134.70 | 142.50† | + 0.10 | 4.92 |
| Magnum | 155.90 | 166.70 | - 0.40 | 1.13 |
| Smlb Secs | 543.60 | 575.20 | - 12.70 | 0.37 |
| Thoroughbred | 182.00 | 194.90 | - 0.50 | 1.01 |
| **SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 01202 298 422 | | | | |
| Cantio Primace | 57.23 | 61.20† | + 0.05 | 7.00 |
| Ethical | 82.96 | 88.72† | + 0.23 | 0.90 |
| European Growth | 83.06 | 88.09 | + 0.32 | 1.19 |
| Income | 63.07 | 67.45 | + 0.26 | 3.71 |
| Intl Growth | 114.90 | 121.70 | | 1.23 |
| Managed | 95.39 | 101.10 | + 0.30 | 1.98 |
| UK Growth | 78.38 | 83.82† | + 0.35 | 1.79 |
| **STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| 0800 33 33 53 | | | | |
| Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd | | | | |
| Global Advtg Inc | 45.95 | 47.19† | - 0.10 | 1.51 |
| Global Advtg Acc | 51.17 | 51.43 | - 0.10 | 1.51 |
| Income Advtg Inc | 35.68 | 35.86† | | 2.94 |
| Income Advtg Acc | 41.81 | 42.02 | | 2.94 |
| UK Equity Gth Acc | 100.40 | 106.50 | - 0.30 | 0.79 |
| Premier Inc Inc | 48.66 | 51.22† | | 6.86 |
| Premier Inc Acc | 52.16 | 54.90 | | 6.86 |
| Managed Acc | 63.13 | 66.92 | - 0.10 | 1.30 |
| UK Eq Hi Inc Inc | 41.53 | 44.03 | | 3.73 |
| UK Eq Hi Inc Acc | 54.37 | 57.64 | .. | 3.73 |
| Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd | | | | |
| UK Equity Gen Acc | 78.39 | 83.29 | - 0.10 | 2.01 |
| UK Equity Gen Inc | 56.65 | 60.20 | - 0.10 | 2.01 |
| Gilt & Fxd Int Acc | 32.10 | 33.95 | | 6.59 |
| Oseas Lrg Co Acc | 372.70 | 404.40 | - 0.50 | 1.39 |
| Nth American Acc | 59.52 | 63.25 | - 0.10 | .. |
| Pacific Basin | 46.24 | 49.13 | - 0.10 | 0.39 |
| European Acc | 61.82 | 65.69 | + 0.10 | 0.65 |
| Japan Acc | 37.20 | 39.91 | . | . |
| **STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 344 7000 | | | | |
| Global A (NZ$) | 4.598 | 4.841 | + 0.013 | 1.84 |
| US Eqts (US$) | 3.314 | 3.518† | - 0.006 | 0.81 |
| Far East Eqts (yen) | 271.90 | 288.80† | + 6.00 | . |
| FT Europe | 155.20 | 164.80 | + 0.016 | 0.64 |
| FT N Amer (US$) | 2.562 | 2.721† | + 0.016 | 0.05 |
| FT Japan (yen) | 235.30 | 249.50† | + 5.30 | |
| FT Asia Exjap (US$) | 2.882 | 3.062 | + 0.032 | 0.54 |
| **STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 226 3271 | | | | |
| American | 542.00 | 574.00 | - 1.20 | |
| British # | 1292.30 | 1367.30† | + 2.50 | 3.03 |
| Emging Mkts | 165.30 | 176.00 | - 0.10 | 0.78 |
| Euro Small Co | 64.56 | 68.75 | + 0.25 | 0.60 |
| Japan | 135.50 | 143.80 | - 0.10 | |
| New Pacific | 445.70 | 474.70 | + 0.80 | 1.11 |
| -do- Accum | 479.60 | 510.80 | + 0.90 | 1.11 |
| Inv Trust Acc | 304.90 | 323.20 | + 0.30 | 0.66 |
| Mngd Equity | 207.80 | 219.80 | + 0.60 | 1.72 |
| Mngd Cash | 96.29 | 96.29 | + 0.02 | 5.11 |
| **SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380 | | | | |
| Equity | 1098.00 | 1174.00 | + 5.00 | 2.56 |
| North America | 204.90 | 219.10 | - 0.20 | |
| Far East | 171.20 | 183.10 | | |
| Wwide Bond | 60.43 | 64.20 | - 0.01 | 4.70 |
| European | 139.30 | 149.00 | + 0.60 | 0.94 |
| Equity Income # | 108.90 | 115.50 | + 0.60 | 4.96 |
| Portfolio | 111.80 | 119.60 | + 0.30 | 1.56 |
| UK Leading Cos | 78.43 | 83.66 | + 0.36 | 3.12 |
| High Inc Bond | 50.36 | 50.47† | | 6.60 |
| Broker Trusts | | | | |
| Intnl Equity | 78.36 | 83.81 | + 0.83 | |
| **SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0800 525 725 | | | | |
| Atlantis UT | 23.97 | 25.51† | + 0.02 | 0.74 |
| Corp Bd Gilt Inc | 94.47 | 100.51† | + 0.03 | 7.47 |
| Corp Bd & Gilt Acc | 98.59 | 104.89† | + 0.04 | 7.47 |
| European | 49.41 | 52.57 | + 0.44 | 0.28 |
| High Income | 35.87 | 38.17 | + 0.11 | 3.83 |
| Japan | 35.20 | 37.45† | + 0.13 | 0.07 |
| Managed Assets | 145.70 | 155.83 | + 0.48 | 2.39 |
| North American | 46.24 | 49.20† | - 0.23 | 0.54 |
| Smlr Co's Inc | 37.91 | 40.33 | - 0.03 | 1.74 |
| Smlr Co's Acc | 41.29 | 43.93 | - 0.04 | 1.74 |
| UK Growth Inc | 64.98 | 69.13 | + 0.15 | 2.54 |
| UK Growth Acc | 73.19 | 77.87† | + 0.17 | 2.54 |
| UK Income | 45.74 | 48.92 | + 0.17 | 3.32 |
| Worldwide Grth | 41.81 | 44.72 | + 0.06 | 0.01 |
| CCAM | | | | |
| Asian & Oceanic Ex | 32.89 | 33.91 | + 0.04 | 1.48 |
| European Exmpt | 98.94 | 102.00† | + 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Japan Exempt | 29.53 | 30.45† | + 0.09 | 0.11 |
| US Exmpt | 98.55 | 101.60† | - 0.49 | 1.36 |
| **SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010 | | | | |
| Discretionary | 58.32 | 62.04 | - 0.62 | |
| Cap Protector Inc | 48.79 | 51.90 | + 0.21 | 2.79 |
| UK Income Inc | 61.12 | 65.02 | - 0.37 | 3.19 |
| Mngd Extra Inc Inc # | 35.71 | 37.77 | + 0.10 | 6.36 |
| Mngd High Yld Inc | 89.71 | 95.44† | + 0.56 | 4.39 |
| Mngd Inc/Gth Inc | 87.97 | 93.59 | + 0.60 | 3.28 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 41.73 | 44.39 | - 0.74 | 1.73 |
| Pacific Gth Port | 52.12 | 55.45 | - 0.23 | 0.69 |
| **TSB UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| 01264 346 794 | | | | |
| American | 313.48 | 331.72† | - 0.62 | |
| -do- Accum | 345.28 | 365.37† | - 0.68 | |
| Brit Growth | 119.55 | 126.51† | + 0.50 | 1.72 |
| -do- Accum | 149.53 | 158.23† | + 0.65 | 1.72 |
| European | 129.19 | 136.71† | + 1.40 | 0.51 |
| -do- Accum | 137.99 | 146.02† | + 1.50 | 0.51 |
| Extra Income # | 206.37 | 218.38† | + 0.95 | 5.02 |
| -do- Accum # | 379.55 | 401.64† | + 1.74 | 5.02 |
| Smaller Cos | 93.43 | 98.87† | - 0.13 | 0.73 |
| -do- Accum | 107.12 | 113.35† | - 0.15 | 0.73 |
| General | 356.63 | 377.39 | + 1.04 | 1.95 |
| -do- Accum | 762.25 | 806.61 | + 2.22 | 1.95 |
| Premier Income | 51.22 | 53.36 | + 0.03 | 6.85 |
| -do- Accum | 127.27 | 132.57 | + 0.05 | 6.85 |
| Income | 377.80 | 399.79 | + 1.56 | 3.14 |
| -do- Accum | 874.14 | 925.02 | + 3.61 | 3.14 |
| Pacific | 432.41 | 457.57 | + 1.73 | 0.08 |
| -do- Accum | 454.35 | 480.80 | + 1.82 | 0.08 |
| International | 648.77 | 686.00 | + 2.81 | 0.11 |
| -do- Accum | 854.18 | 903.90 | + 3.71 | 0.11 |
| Nat Resources | 196.48 | 207.92 | + 1.16 | 0.30 |
| Sitns Opps | 128.39 | 135.86† | + 0.17 | 1.17 |
| -do- Accum | 169.61 | 179.48† | + 0.22 | 1.17 |
| Environmental Inv | 79.24 | 83.85† | + 0.05 | 1.11 |
| Selector | 75.38 | 79.77 | + 0.22 | 1.46 |
| -do- Accum | 87.17 | 92.25 | + 0.26 | 1.46 |
| High Income | 69.40 | 73.44 | + 0.29 | 4.15 |
| -do- Accum | 94.23 | 99.71 | + 0.39 | 4.15 |
| Intl Income | 63.33 | 67.01† | + 0.10 | 4.69 |
| -do- Accum | 84.63 | 89.58† | + 0.14 | 4.69 |
| Selector Income | 67.38 | 71.30 | + 0.19 | 4.47 |
| -do- Accum | 83.89 | 88.78 | + 0.25 | 4.47 |
| **TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED** | | | | |
| 0181 667 1018 | | | | |
| British | 407.21 | 428.64† | + 1.26 | 2.48 |
| European | 75.08 | 78.62 | + 0.28 | 1.07 |
| **TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 469 4000 | | | | |
| Glob Growth Inc | 237.21 | 253.70 | - 0.16 | 2.28 |
| Glob Balncd Inc | 199.03 | 212.87 | + 0.12 | 3.30 |
| Value Tst Inc | 147.29 | 157.53 | + 0.29 | 1.86 |
| **THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001 | | | | |
| Dresdner Eur Bd | 44.48 | 46.34† | + 0.12 | 5.70 |
| European Growth | 349.20 | 365.65 | + 2.06 | 1.00 |
| Exempt | 674.77 | 704.99 | + 1.58 | 3.30 |
| Global Em Mkts | 85.17 | 88.18 | - 0.14 | 0.50 |
| Japan Tst | 78.63 | 82.33 | + 0.46 | |
| Little Dragons | 99.64 | 104.33 | + 0.13 | . |
| Nth Amer Gwth | 300.19 | 314.33 | - 1.80 | 0.50 |
| Oriental Income # | 47.49 | 49.72† | - 0.10 | 3.80 |
| Preference | 131.21 | 137.39 | + 0.02 | 8.70 |
| Tiger | 305.27 | 319.65 | - 0.48 | |
| UK Blue Chip | 78.10 | 81.78 | + 0.43 | 1.80 |
| UK Growth | 670.98 | 702.58 | + 1.57 | 1.00 |
| UK High Yield # | 115.88 | 121.34 | + 0.72 | 5.70 |
| UK Mid-Cap | 333.31 | 349.01 | + 0.59 | 1.70 |
| UK Smllr Cos | 134.62 | 140.96 | - 0.39 | 0.70 |
| UK Smlr Cos Div # | 94.62 | 99.07 | - 0.10 | 5.60 |
| **UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 01277 690 336 | | | | |
| UK Equity Income # | 113.97 | 121.24 | + 0.16 | 5.22 |
| UK Equity Growth | 103.05 | 109.63† | + 0.11 | 2.86 |
| European | 78.43 | 83.44 | + 0.45 | 1.50 |
| Nth American | 90.52 | 96.30 | - 0.15 | 0.38 |
| Far Eastern | 78.33 | 83.33 | + 0.42 | 0.98 |
| Money | 71.57 | 71.57 | + 0.01 | 4.60 |
| Fixed Interest # | 79.56 | 84.64 | + 0.10 | 7.56 |
| Index Linked Gilt | 71.66 | 76.23 | + 0.08 | 1.32 |
| **VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD** | | | | |
| 0345 959595 | | | | |
| Income Trust | 106.07 | 106.07 | + 0.42 | 7.02 |
| UK Index Tracking @ | 130.15 | 130.15† | + 0.71 | 2.85 |
| **WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0131 225 1551 | | | | |
| Australasian Gold | 28.26 | 29.74 | + 0.18 | . |
| Pacific Basin | 42.74 | 44.98 | - 0.89 | . |
| Global Bond (US$) | 0.8706 | 0.9088 | + 0.0050 | |
| Penny Share | 45.00 | 47.36 | - 0.22 | . |
| **WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD** | | | | |
| 0171 623 2444 | | | | |
| Challenger | 95.10 | 98.14 | - 0.14 | 2.80 |
| Short Dtd Gilt | 124.50 | 126.10 | . | |
| US Govt Bd (US$) | 0.7805 | 0.7907 | + 0.0004 | |
| Gilt Income | 51.57 | 53.66† | + 0.07 | 6.00 |
| Gilt Growth | 77.38 | 80.52 | + 0.08 | |
| Sterling Bond | 49.19 | 51.00† | + 0.03 | 6.70 |
| **WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD** | | | | |
| 0181 298 4000 | | | | |
| Intl Mgd | 56.37 | 59.85 | + 0.18 | 1.96 |
| UK Stockmarket | 103.60 | 110.10 | + 0.40 | 2.50 |
| Corporate Bd Inc | 48.01 | 48.15 | + 0.13 | 7.01 |
| Do Accum | 49.56 | 49.69 | + 0.13 | 7.01 |

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic. Charge deducted from capital. [illegible]

# Equities bounce back

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 556 | 419 | Allied Domecq | 453½ | + 3 | 6.5 | 17.2 |
| 625 | 500 | Bulmer (HP) | 505 | - 4 | 3.3 | 16.9 |
| 131 | 94½ | Burn Stewart | 94½ | . | 6.6 | 20.4 |
| 775 | 615 | Glenmorangie A | 775 | | 1.9 | 19.9 |
| 491½ | 411 | Grand Met | 476½ | + 5½ | 4.0 | 20.2 |
| 493 | 435 | Guinness | 454½ | - 4 | 4.1 | 14.8 |
| 378 | 315 | Highland Dist | 347½ | | 2.9 | 16.2 |
| 803 | 325 | Matthew Clark | 330½ | - 13 | 9.1 | 15.7 |
| 141 | 93 | Mynydon Wt | 119½ | | 4.7 | 10.9 |
| 2612½ | 1606½ | SA Breweries | 1650 | | 2.1 | . |

## BANKS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3716½ | 2743½ | ABN-AMRO† | 3512½ | + 40½ | 3.9 | 12.3 |
| 663 | 528 | Abbey Nat | 602 | - 2 | 4.8 | 11.1 |
| 385 | 315 | Allied Irish | 377 | + 1½ | 4.8 | 10.8 |
| 366 | 285 | Aus New Z | 356 | + 5½ | 5.2 | 8.8 |
| 5443¾ | 3843¾ | Bank America† | 5165¾ | - 109¾ | | |
| 316 | 227½ | Bank Scotland | 247½ | 2 | 3.5 | 10.4 |
| 955½ | 683 | Barclays† | 931½ | - 1 | 3.8 | 10.2 |
| 504½ | 413 | Bk of Ireland† | 502 | + 1½ | 3.8 | 11.5 |
| 482 | 379 | Cater Allen | 390 | - 21½ | 9.6 | 11.6 |
| 5668¾ | 4031½ | Citicorp | 5662½ | | | |
| 392 | 318 | Close Bros | 329½ | - 11½ | 3.9 | 13.0 |
| £157¼ | £131½ | Commerzbk | £145¼ | - 1¾ | 3.5 | |
| 1350 | 1068¾ | Dai Ichi Kan Y† | 1096¼ | - 3¼ | 0.4 | |
| 3412½ | 2960 | Deutsche Bk | 3078¼ | - 3¼ | 2.5 | |
| 806¼ | 593¾ | Espirito Santo | 800 | - 3¼ | 4.4 | 10.8 |
| 1507 | 1177½ | Fuji Bank Y | 1240¼ | - 1 | 0.4 | |
| 472 | 325 | Gerrard Nat | 325 | | 8.8 | 10.3 |
| 267½ | 196 | Hambros | 263½ | | 3.6 | |
| 1221½ | 931 | HSBC† | 1205 | + 19 | 3.9 | 11.4 |
| 1190 | 930 | HSBC HK† | 1181 | + 24 | 4.0 | 11.2 |
| 457½ | 385 | Irish Perm† | 456½ | | 3.1 | 12.5 |
| 177 | 143 | King Shaxson | 166½ | - 1 | 6.8 | 14.5 |
| 458 | 405 | Leopold J | 455 | | 5.4 | 16.5 |
| 401 | 294½ | Lloyds TSB† | 378½ | - 7 | 4.0 | 16.0 |
| 653 | 566 | Nat Aust Bk | 623½ | - 1½ | 7.0 | 8.0 |
| 711 | 605½ | Nat West† | 676 | + 14½ | 4.9 | 9.7 |
| 66 | 49½ | Rea Brothers† | 55 | + ½ | 2.3 | 21.6 |
| 596 | 464 | Ryl Bk Scot | 484 | + 12½ | 4.4 | 10.7 |
| 1462½ | 1185 | Schroders† | 1384 | + 14 | 1.6 | 16.7 |
| 1137½ | 800 | Schroders N/V† | 1097½ | + 17½ | 2.0 | 12.5 |
| 134 | 99½ | Singer & Fried† | 122 | - 1 | 4.4 | 9.0 |
| 720½ | 547 | Stand Chart† | 706 | + 1 | 2.1 | 13.8 |
| 115½ | 85½ | Union† | 112½ | | 3.3 | 12.1 |
| £174¼ | £131½ | Wells Fargo | £164½ | | 2.0 | |
| 329¼ | 264 | Westpac | 322 | + 5½ | 4.4 | 9.9 |
| 360 | 268 | Wintrust† | 345 | | 4.5 | 17.3 |

## BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | 36 | Abrdn Sth H.E | 70 | | | 5.9 |
| 387 | 263 | Ascot Hldgs | 322½ | - 4½ | | 12.2 |
| 846½ | 702 | Bass | 782 | + 8 | 3.7 | 16.8 |
| 70 | 40 | Brk for the Bdr | 54 | | 3.9 | 16.5 |
| 177 | 161 | Burtonwd Brw | 165 | | 4.2 | 14.9 |
| 176½ | 92 | City Centre Rest† | 126 | + ½ | 2.2 | 23.7 |
| 621 | 463 | Compass Gp | 566½ | | 1.8 | 26.5 |
| 266 | 190 | Eldridge P A | 250½ | - 1 | 2.4 | 23.1 |
| 540 | 413 | Fuller Sm A | 447½ | | 2.6 | 15.3 |
| 636 | 546 | Greenalls Grp | 576½ | + 1 | 3.2 | 15.7 |
| 671 | 567½ | Greene King | 645 | - 1 | 3.0 | 16.1 |
| 285 | 190 | Grosvenor Inns† | 200½ | - 2 | 3.6 | 21.3 |
| 259 | 204 | Groupe Chez Ge | 235 | - 3½ | 1.4 | 23.8 |
| 357 | 296½ | Hardy Hanson | 297 | | 4.3 | 11.1 |
| 3475 | 3000 | Holt J | 3000 | | 2.3 | 16.3 |
| 72 | 45 | Inn Business† | 69½ | - ½ | 1.0 | 32.8 |
| 355 | 300 | Mansfield | 302½ | - 1½ | 2.4 | 14.7 |
| 353½ | 275 | Marston Thmp | 295½ | | 3.1 | 12.1 |
| 673 | 535 | Morland | 600 | | 2.5 | 18.2 |
| 154 | 118 | My Kinda Town | 149 | | 2.5 | 14.6 |
| 7½ | 4½ | Paramount | 6 | | 4.6 | 9.6 |
| 175 | 123 | Pelican Gp | 172½ | | 1.4 | 23.6 |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 620 | 426 | Brammer† | 617½ | + 1 | 3.0 | 17.7 |
| 26½ | 18 | Bridgend Gp | 25 | | 1.0 | |
| 113 | 76 | Brit Fittings | 97¼ | .. | 4.9 | 11.0 |
| 290 | 245 | Caltyes | 285 | | 5.0 | 22.6 |
| 160 | 105 | Caradon† | 126½ | - 4½ | 3.4 | 8.3 |
| 107½ | 78 | Charles Sidney | 85½ | - 1 | 5.6 | 12.1 |
| 79 | 54½ | Cook (DC)† | 67 | | 3.9 | 8.2 |
| 404¾ | 278½ | Cowie | 385 | - 1 | 3.5 | 13.3 |
| 175 | 119½ | Dag Motors | 120 | | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| 163 | 125½ | Danmure D | 142½ | | 2.3 | 14.3 |
| 434 | 329 | Diploma | 339½ | + 2 | 5.3 | 11.9 |
| 407 | 328 | Electrocomps | 378½ | - 2½ | 2.2 | 24.3 |
| 314 | 172 | Eurodis Elect | 191½ | + 1½ | 3.2 | 18.5 |
| 134 | 65 | Eurodollar | 121 | + ½ | 4.3 | 18.1 |
| 105 | 76 | European Mot | 99 | | 6.6 | 11.2 |
| 375 | 282 | Evans Halshaw | 283½ | | 7.3 | 11.1 |
| 67 | 48 | Fife Indmar† | 49½ | | 8.3 | 7.4 |
| 338 | 248 | Finelist Grp† | 314½ | - ½ | 2.5 | 18.1 |
| 31½ | 16½ | Gardiner† | 31 | | 3.5 | 12.4 |
| 81 | 33½ | Glenchewton | 68½ | | 1.9 | 20.3 |
| 91 | 70½ | Greenings† | 76½ | + 2½ | 4.5 | 13.0 |
| 101 | 87 | Hamlett | 91 | | 8.2 | |
| 292 | 216 | Harris (Philip) | 259½ | | 3.9 | 19.5 |
| 295½ | 200½ | Headlam | 283½ | - 1½ | 2.2 | 23.4 |
| 200 | 132 | Holders Tech | 176½ | | 4.2 | 16.6 |
| 192½ | 153 | ISA Intl† | 180½ | | 1.7 | 17.3 |
| 316 | 231 | Inchcape | 284 | 3 | 3.7 | 23.8 |
| 78 | 33 | Jacks (Wm) | 74½ | | 2.9 | 28.8 |
| 260 | 169 | Kwik-Fit | 233 | - 1 | 2.8 | 18.5 |
| 390 | 299 | Lex Service | 387½ | | 5.2 | 11.7 |
| 155 | 118½ | Lookers† | 119 | - 1½ | 8.4 | 7.0 |
| 17 | 10½ | Mallagn Grp | 12 | | 6.9 | 12.4 |
| 9½ | 6½ | Middlesex | 7 | | 1.4 | 10.7 |
| 47 | 31 | Midstates† | 41½ | + ½ | 0.7 | |
| 565 | 440 | Norbain† | 465 | - 10 | 2.0 | 13.6 |
| 349 | 230 | Northamber† | 284 | + 5½ | 1.0 | 10.5 |
| 162 | 108 | PCT† | 125 | | 7.7 | 11.7 |
| 341 | 272 | Pendragon† | 319½ | - ½ | 3.6 | 15.5 |
| 211 | 145 | Perry Gp | 182½ | | 5.8 | 9.1 |
| 745 | 602 | Premier Farnell | 661 | + 6½ | 2.0 | 17.6 |
| 190 | 135 | Quicks Group† | 160½ | | 5.1 | 12.0 |
| 315 | 185 | REA† | 232½ | | 2.2 | 29.5 |
| 3 | 2 | Reece | 2½ | | | |
| 54 | 25½ | Ronson▼ | 26½ | | 7.1 | 9.1 |
| 4½ | 2 | Ross Gp | 3½ | | | |
| 56 | 46½ | SEP Indt† | 51½ | | 4.0 | 11.1 |
| 195 | 98 | Saltire | 106 | | 1.2 | 34.4 |
| 392½ | 246 | Time Products | 382½ | | 3.3 | |
| 41½ | 30 | Torex Hire | 41½ | + 4½ | 4.2 | 14.1 |
| 282½ | 123 | UMECO | 243½ | - 10 | 2.2 | 21.4 |
| 332½ | 263½ | Vardy (Reg)† | 299½ | | 2.7 | 14.1 |
| 463 | 325 | Wholesale Fitgs | 447½ | | 3.6 | 19.1 |
| 59 | 25½ | Wassall† | 36½ | | 2.9 | 9.9 |
| 149¼ | 75½ | Wyko† | 137½ | | 2.0 | |
| 133 | 104 | Young (H) | 123½ | | 4.0 | 11.4 |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1½ | 0½ | Anglo Utd | 1 | | | |
| 388 | 288 | Antofagasta | 360 | + 1½ | 1.8 | 13.9 |
| 1056 | 804 | Broken Hill | 810 | - 1½ | 3.1 | 17.8 |
| 340 | 229 | BTR† | 271 | + 3½ | 4.4 | 20.3 |
| 586 | 421 | BAT† | 446 | - 4½ | 6.9 | 8.8 |
| 221 | 103 | Bensford Intl | 108½ | + 5 | 4.0 | 7.9 |
| 134 | 108 | Bibby (J) | 127 | | 5.9 | 9.2 |
| 65 | 50½ | Brierley Inv | 64½ | + | 7.6 | |
| 972 | 810 | Charter† | 834½ | - 3 | 4.2 | 11.9 |
| 324 | 246 | Cookson† | 257½ | + 1 | 4.1 | 13.7 |
| 193 | 141 | Cosalt | 192½ | + 1 | 5.9 | 12.1 |
| 283 | 204 | DCC | 276½ | | 3.1 | 11.0 |
| 144½ | 113 | Grampian Hdg | 144½ | + 4½ | 5.3 | 18.1 |
| 220 | 151½ | Hanson† | 152½ | - 4 | 8.9 | 7.8 |
| 172½ | 131 | Hunting Gstd | 143 | + 7½ | 8.1 | 13.7 |
| 439½ | 379½ | Hutch Whamp | 418 | + 3½ | 1.8 | 22.7 |
| 563½ | 387½ | Jardine Math | 409 | - 9½ | 3.9 | |
| 217½ | 160½ | Lonrho† | 179 | + 4 | 3.3 | 21.3 |
| 191 | 164 | McLeod Russel | 180½ | | 4.5 | 15.5 |
| 478 | 368 | Powell Duffryn | 447½ | - 10 | 7.0 | |
| 146 | 107½ | Ropner† | 107½ | - ½ | 9.6 | 9.3 |
| 193 | 155 | Sime Darby | 193 | | 2.8 | |

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 299 | 200 | Quadramatic | 277½ | + 1 | 3.9 | 16.1 |
| 18 | 4 | Quadrant Grp | 11½ | | 2.7 | |
| 65 | 62 | Radiant Metal | 65 | | | |
| 68 | 53 | Ransomes | 58 | | 1.1 | 14.1 |
| 83 | 55½ | Record | 63½ | | 7.2 | 12.0 |
| 324 | 231 | Renold | 313½ | | 2.2 | 15.0 |
| 36 | 13 | Richards Group | 13½ | | 20.8 | |
| 89 | 71½ | Richardson Westt | 72½ | | 6.3 | 8.3 |
| 246 | 187 | Rolls-Royce | 240 | + 6 | 2.6 | 23.6 |
| 265 | 171 | Rotork† | 265 | + 1 | 3.0 | 22.0 |
| 192 | 160 | Rubicon† | 175 | | 4.4 | 12.6 |
| 1584¾ | 1187½ | SKF 'B' | 1534½ | - 31½ | 3.3 | 8.6 |
| 115 | 92½ | Senior Eng | 115 | + 5½ | 3.8 | 15.6 |
| 319¾ | 156 | Serck-Rienl | 318½ | | 1.5 | 26.1 |
| 999 | 750 | Siebert | 893 | + 16 | 1.7 | 22.6 |
| 64 | 34 | Simon Eng | 36½ | | 2.2 | 13.6 |
| 301 | 150 | Six Hundred | 256½ | | 1.9 | 11.3 |
| 781½ | 622 | Smiths Ind | 759½ | + ½ | 2.5 | 22.6 |
| 786½ | 593 | Spirax-Sarco† | 749½ | + 13 | 2.3 | 20.9 |
| 324 | 287 | Sterling Ind | 321½ | | 3.3 | 17.2 |
| 590 | 456 | TI† | 575 | + 4½ | 2.9 | 20.5 |
| 124 | 92 | Tinsley (El) | 121 | | 6.0 | 13.8 |
| 121 | 72 | TransTec | 114½ | | 3.5 | 20.3 |
| 197½ | 140 | Triplex Lloyd† | 192½ | - 2 | 4.5 | 11.5 |
| 162½ | 137 | Unicorn Intl | 162½ | | 4.2 | 9.7 |
| 82½ | 66½ | Utd Inds | 66½ | - 1 | 4.2 | 9.8 |
| 23 | 10½ | Verson | 22½ | | | |
| 302 | 241 | Vickers† | 288½ | + 3½ | 3.0 | 17.8 |
| 14 | 9 | Vilers Grp | 9½ | | | 18.1 |
| 770 | 656 | Vitec | 695 | | 2.0 | 12.9 |
| 882 | 750 | Vosper Thorny | 801½ | - 1½ | 3.7 | 13.8 |
| 436 | 303 | Wagon Indt | 304½ | - ½ | 8.1 | 8.5 |
| 271 | 212 | Weir† | 246 | + 2 | 3.9 | 15.3 |
| 275 | 228 | Wellington Hdgt | 262½ | | 3.7 | 16.3 |
| 59 | 42 | Wellman | 55½ | | 4.1 | 10.2 |
| 40 | 26 | Wescol | 37 | | 2.7 | 16.3 |
| 510 | 363 | Whatman | 510 | | 3.0 | 20.7 |
| 122 | 68½ | Widney† | 68½ | - 2 | 6.4 | 8.0 |

## ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 151 | 109 | Adwest | 125 | | 8.2 | 69.7 |
| 295 | 253 | Airflow Stream | 255 | | 4.4 | 6.8 |
| 753½ | 473 | Avon Rubber | 726½ | - 8½ | 3.1 | 17.7 |
| 101 | 57½ | BSG | 98½ | - 1½ | 4.2 | 15.2 |
| 353 | 273 | Bostrom | 285 | | 3.0 | 11.6 |
| 29 | 15 | Bousteadt | 16½ | | 7.6 | |
| 307 | 175 | ERF | 293 | | 1.9 | |
| 600 | 431 | First Techt | 589½ | | 1.8 | 19.6 |
| 1098½ | 778 | GKN† | 1098½ | + 8 | 2.8 | 19.0 |
| 3800 | 2950 | General Mot† | 3287½ | | 3.1 | |
| 669 | 497 | Henlys† | 560 | - 1 | 2.9 | 14.2 |
| 1758¾ | 1312½ | Honda Motor | 1598 | - 4½ | 0.5 | |
| 502 | 386 | Laird | 456½ | - 1 | 3.4 | 13.7 |
| 475 | 425 | Loades | 475 | | 0.3 | |
| 256 | 172 | LucasVarity | 242½ | + 1 | | |
| 136½ | 91 | Mayflower | 128½ | - 2½ | 2.1 | 35.7 |
| 193 | 145 | Sylonet | 172½ | - 1 | 4.1 | 13.4 |
| 187 | 127 | T & N† | 133½ | + ½ | 5.6 | 9.4 |
| 433 | 323½ | Trinity Hldgs | 323½ | - 1½ | 3.2 | 15.8 |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1996 High | Low | Company | Price (p) | +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 157 | 127 | H Govett Smll | 145 | | 1.9 | 61.6 |
| 110½ | 93½ | HTR Jap Smaller | 99 | + ½ | | |
| 16 | 9 | I&S Ent | 11 | | | |
| 153 | 114 | I&S UK Smllr | 153 | | 2.4 | 35.0 |
| 148 | 129 | Inv Cap | 144 | + ½ | 4.6 | 25.5 |
| 157 | 101 | Intl Biotech | 122 | | 1.0 | |
| 70 | 31 | Intl Wts | 37½ | | | |
| 115 | 95 | Intl C | 100½ | | | |
| 114 | 93½ | INVESCO Asia | 101½ | | 0.7 | |
| 65 | 43 | INVESCO Blue | 48 | | 21.9 | 4.9 |
| 181 | 135 | INVESCO Eng Intl | 177 | | 0.7 | 59.7 |
| 92 | 75½ | INVESCO Jap Dis | 81½ | | 0.4 | ... |
| 137 | 101½ | INVESCO Korea | 102 | + ½ | | |
| 63½ | 51½ | INVESCO Tokyo | 53 | + ½ | | |
| 95½ | 65 | J Fry 2nd Ut | 72 | | 11.6 | |
| 79 | 66½ | J Fry Euro Ut | 68 | | 8.1 | 12.4 |
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Young love is beautifully depicted by a veteran in Eric Rohmer's *A Summer's Tale*

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Michael Keaton splits four ways in *Multiplicity* — but the humour doesn't expand to fill

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When the bullets fly in Prohibition America, Bruce Willis is (naturally) the *Last Man Standing*

# Menace lost in thin Eyre

### CINEMA: Charlotte Brontë's Gothic masterpiece needs more than pretty pictures to make it work, says **Geoff Brown**

Charlotte Gainsbourg as the unhappy heroine of Franco Zeffirelli's remake of *Jane Eyre*, a film "bland and tidy, like painting by numbers"

One star comes from France, the other from America. The director hails from sunny Italy. The material is decidedly English — Charlotte Brontë's novel **Jane Eyre**, receiving at least its seventh cinema transfer. But anyone now can ape the style of filmed English literature and fill the screen with horse-drawn carriages, country houses, rolling hills, bonnets and birdsong.

The latest voyager into this territory is Franco Zeffirelli, famous prettifier of famous plays and operas. He is an absolute master of surface detail, as scene after scene proves. We note the layer of ice in the washing bowl at Lowood, the boarding school where orphaned young Jane (Anna Paquin, the girl from *The Piano*) is sent by her cruel aunt. Courtesy of William Hurt, we gaze into Mr Rochester's hollow eyes, sidewhiskers and frown as he subsides into gloom in his dark study, made darker still by the photography of David Watkyn.

All well and good. But these things are icing on the cake. We need to bite in and find substance. We need to feel a force pulling us through episodes that can seem a compendium of clichés from romantic fiction if left to their own devices. But despite decent work by Hurt and Charlotte Gainsbourg (the grown-up heroine who succumbs to his morose charms) the film leaves us high and dry.

The script, prepared by Zeffirelli and Hugh Whitemore, is too neatly filleted, while Zeffirelli appears over-eager to pop in a ready-made image. How many foreboding shots of a carriage approaching a mansion can one movie take? Although the film does nothing silly — like wheel on a specialist to restore Rochester's sight (an invention of the version made in 1921) — this *Jane Eyre* is still lightweight, lacking Gothic anguish.

British dependables beef up the cast: we get Joan Plowright as Rochester's housekeeper, and John Wood as the fearful ruler of Lowood school. Gainsbourg tucks her French accent away, by and large, and is grave and collected. Hurt, doing more visible acting than usual, capably suggests a Rochester eaten away by repression. But the film plays safe: it's bland and tidy, like painting by numbers.

**Jane Eyre**
Warner West End
PG, 108 mins
*Where's the anguish, Zeffirelli?*

**A Summer's Tale**
Renoir, U, 113 mins
*Humane delight from Eric Rohmer*

**Multiplicity**
Odeon Leicester Square
12, 117 mins
*A good idea gone bad*

**Last Man Standing**
Warner West End
18, 100 mins
*Bruce Willis, of course*

**Don't Forget You're Going to Die**
ICA Cinema, 118 mins
*New French director Xavier Beauvois craves our indulgence*

Some might also accuse the veteran French director Eric Rohmer of playing safe. The formula is the same. A group of young people, mostly female, dither over decisions, usually in picturesque locations. And talking, always talking, in that philosophical, self-regarding way peculiar to the French. Apart from hoisting a male character above the usual hubbub of women, Rohmer's latest, **A Summer's Tale**, never strays from the expected. And why should it? On top form, as he is here, Rohmer can extract more from people and places than almost any other director alive.

The setting is Dinard, on the north coast. Enter Gaspard, a maths student on vacation with a vague plan of meeting up with his girlfriend, Lena. For the moment he forms a platonic friendship with Margot, an ethnology student; they soon become fast friends. In time he meets a greater enchantment, Solène. Then Lena arrives. Which should he choose?

True, this is not the world's most biting question. But while we watch *A Summer's Tale*, shot on location in crisp, sunny splendour, Rohmer makes it appear so. The older he becomes (he is now 76), the greater his sympathy with youth, and the greater his skill in teasing out their thoughts in a natural way. As Gaspard, Melvil Poupaud confronts his dilemma with a pensive look and a head of shaggy curls; he exasperates, but never bores. But the star attraction is Amanda Langlet, the teenage heroine of *Pauline at the Beach*, who invests Margot with such unforced sparkle that you long for their bond to prosper. The greatest pleasure, though, is Rohmer's simplicity. No army of technicians march behind him: all he needs to weave his magic are actors, a camera, sound equipment, a film editor, the sun, the sea, and the mysteries of the human heart.

**Multiplicity**, on the other hand, needs 12 computer animators, four software engineers and a raft of other technical specialists to manufacture its chief attraction: Michael Keaton times four. Four Keatons, unfortunately, prove no funnier than one.

The film's notion is one with obvious appeal to Harold Ramis, director of *Groundhog Day*. That endearing comedy put its bemused hero in a time rut, unable to escape endless replays of the same 24 hours. This one proposes a hero cloned into four, so he can better cope with the demands of job, family, and inner needs. Keaton No 2 is a macho dynamo at work, while No 3 is a fastidious, fey home-maker. No 4 is a mistake, a blurred Xerox with a child's mind, good only for cheap, cruel laughs. The original Keaton, meanwhile, goes sailing.

The fantasy of *Groundhog Day* was developed with surprising warmth and inventiveness. *Multiplicity* opts for broad guffaws, and is often mean-spirited. Computer-generated images blend seamlessly on the screen; although the advanced techniques would be nothing without Keaton's skill at playing one personality against the other. Andie MacDowell, another *Groundhog* veteran, supplies charm on the sidelines as the bemused wife. But Ramis pushes the comedy far too hard. You come to laugh; you end up groaning.

Bruce Willis, of course, is the man referred to in **Last Man Standing**: everyone else is shot full of holes or burnt to a crisp. He doesn't talk much, but he swigs much whisky, shows off his body, and proves an unerring shot even when beaten black and blue by the bootlegging gangs who vie for dominance in a dilapidated Texas border town.

The plot hails from Kurosawa's *Yojimbo*, where the hero was a samurai for hire and the squabblers rival merchants of saké and silk. The material transfers well to Prohibition, but the simple force of Kurosawa's images is quite beyond Walter Hill's direction. He directs in quotation marks. Nothing is for real; every character and scene comes styled like a pastiche, drawn from the bottomless barrel of American popular culture.

Finally, we reach the year's cheeriest title: **Don't Forget You're Going to Die**. No chance of that in this narcissistic film by the French actor and burgeoning director Xavier Beauvois. Beauvois's character, a graduate art historian, learns that he is HIV-positive. He reacts by throwing away caution, delving into heroin and cocaine, tasting bliss with a luscious girl in Italy, and risking death by joining partisans in Split. He wants to die like a 19th-century Romantic, and summons the shade of Byron to prove his lineage.

Beauvois' first feature, *Nord*, was morose enough, but maintained a sharp critical eye on place and character. Here he never steps beyond his hero's mind and sullen glare, and wallows in self-pity.

## SNAP VERDICT

## 'Needs jokes'

*Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .*

*JANE EYRE*

**Daisy Newton Dunn, 19:** What was a dreary book is an even worse film — rambling and incredulous.

**Edward Baring, 22:** I would recommend this to anyone with a bit of patience, but it does fall victim to its own authenticity.

**Rachel Peirse, 19:** The plot tended to go on and off the boil a lot, and it took forever to build any pace.

**Tom Newton Dunn, 22:** This desperately needed some jokes to lighten the tone. The lack of humour and variation meant that the characters merged into one.

*LAST MAN STANDING*

**Daisy:** Nicely photographed, but it lacked a convincing storyline.

**Edward:** One of the least enthralling films of the year. A must for all *Guns and Ammo* subscribers.

**Rachel:** A ridiculous pile of rubbish and bodies.

**Tom:** Even the pouting and squinting Bruce Willis failed to bring life to one of the shoddiest scripts of all time.

*MULTIPLICITY*

**Daisy:** Very colourful and vivid. Not many original jokes, but a decent and unpretentious comedy.

**Edward:** Michael Keaton faces the same problem as Bill Murray did in *Groundhog Day*. His solution is identical: seduce Andie MacDowell.

**Rachel:** Not that original, but some enjoyable moments. Keaton does a great job.

**Tom:** A bit mushy at times, and a bit slapstick at others.

### Swinging with Dennis Rowland; plus a trawl through the Camden Crawl

# The growl and swagger king

JAZZ

ANYONE who sighed over the voice of Johnny Hartman on the soundtrack of *The Bridges of Madison County* should make haste to see the voice made flesh at Pizza on the Park in Knightsbridge this week. The most potent extrovert to hit London in some time, **Dennis Rowland** offers proof that the male jazz singer, though an endangered species, is not yet extinct.

Not just a master of the Hartman-Eckstine school of balladry on *You're Blasé*, the former Basie artist is just as adept at singing the blues à la Joe Williams, mugging his way through *Mack The Knife* in a Satchmo growl or turning on the Lou Rawls R&B swagger on *Wild Women (Don't Have The Blues)*.

If that makes him sound like a Rory Bremner jukebox, rest assured that Rowland has a personality all his own. Turning his back on the traditional image of the tuxedo-clad crooner, he bounded on to the stage in casual, Gap-style waiscoat and worked both the audience and his British musicians like a man possessed.

It might have been too brash and overpowering had he not possessed such acute musical instincts. His reading of *Angel Eyes*, opening slightly off-mike for dramatic effect, [illegible] I have heard; *In A Mellotone* floated elegantly above an understated swing pulse supplied by the Liam Noble quartet. Catch him before he leaves, and check your British reticence at the door.

Some fine tuning will be needed before **Jacqui Dankworth**'s pop-cabaret group Field of Blue appear at the same venue next month. The daughter of Cleo Laine, Dankworth is a charismatic performer who shares her mother's enthusiasm for the unconventional.

At the South Bank's Purcell Room she delivered a memorable, stripped-down *God Bless The Child*, pitched against Martin Brunsden's double-bass. But the original songs that make up the bulk of the repertoire lacked distinction; the pacing was uncertain, and it made no sense for Dankworth to step aside to allow her colleagues to take over the vocals again and again.

Clive Davis

# Crawling back to happiness

POP

DESPITE the demise of Britpop, Camden Town is still the most fashionable square mile in Europe. Its high concentration of pubs, clubs and live venues means that there is always another place to go; another pop star to run into. It was therefore an obvious place for the Camden Crawl to be born.

Starting last year, the idea is to give people the opportunity to watch as many new bands as possible, in a festival-like atmosphere, at a very reasonable price. Participants swapped their £10 tickets for a wristband, which gave them access to more than 30 bands at seven different venues, and they were also given a 21-track CD featuring most of the acts, plus a guide map and a copy of the running order to help them to plan their course. They were warned, however, that overcrowded venues might have to turn people away.

As far as the actual bands went, very few had obvious links with Camden — although a great many of them looked as though they had nicked their clothes from Jarvis Cocker, who is a former resident. Instead, the geographical ley-lines were stretched from New York to Newcastle and from South Wales to Scotland, ranging from unknown bands to a handful of Top 40 acts.

It was raining, so it was lucky that the venues were either clustered around the Tube station or on the main drag, with only the Falcon proving to be a bit of hike. And it was too bad that Dingwalls revealed the first holes in the door policy when so many people turned up to see Tiger that the bouncers refused to let anyone else into the venue.

The overall highlights including the haunting trance-folk of **Beth Orton** (at WKD), the swaggering guitars of **Bawl** (at the Dublin Castle), the harsh, electro-sneer of the **Sneaker Pimps** (at the Underworld) and the Monarch's lounge-style cinema, which provided a chill-out zone for the drunk and the tired. The venue of the evening, however, had to be the Electric Ballroom, which supplied free whisky and gin to everyone and which was where the Crawl finally came to rest.

Ann Scanlon

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**Anne Sofie von Otter stars as Lyons Opera brings *Werther* to London**

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VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall

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■ CHOICE 3

**Philip Prowse opens his new staging of *Hamlet* in Glasgow**

VENUE: Tonight at the Citizens Theatre

■ NEW VIDEOS

**John Travolta, career reborn, stars in *Get Shorty*, a droll comedy of Hollywood lowlife**

## TODAY'S CHOICE

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey**

### LONDON

**GREAT ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD:** The series opens with Kent Nagano conducting a concert performance of Massenet's tragic opera. *Werther*, by the dynamic **Opéra National de Lyon** and its internationally renowned orchestra. Anne Sofie von Otter and Jerry Hadley lead a sensational cast. With the New London Children's Choir under Ronald Corp
**Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight, 7.30pm* Ⓢ

**SHOPPING AND F***ING** Out of Joint's new production with a title raising problems for the subsequent tour. Play by Mark Ravenhill, disinherited generation, shocking look at obsessions, etc
**Royal Court Upstairs: Stage (formerly Ambassadors)**, West Street, WC2 (0171-730 1754) Previews from tonight, 9.15pm Opens Oct 1, 9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat, 9.15pm. Until Oct 19.

**TEMPORARY RUPTURE** Llewella Gideon and Wayne Buchanan in Michael Ellis's enjoyable war-of-the-sexes comedy. A man wants to return to the woman he abandoned after her career prospers; she has other plans for him. Paulette Randall directs for Black Theatre Co-operative
**Warehouse**, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060) Opens tonight, 8pm Then Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm.

### ELSEWHERE

**BIRMINGHAM:** The **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**'s new season begins with a concert conducted by its music director, Sir Simon Rattle. Shostakovich's Symphony No 14 is performed alongside Bruckner's Symphony No 7, with Elena Prokina, soprano, and Thomas Quasthoff, bass. Repeated on Saturday, at 7pm.
**Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

**EXETER:** Odon von Horvath's early (1926) play **The Belle Vue**, Kenneth McLeish's version of *Zur schönen Aussicht*. Greed and exploitation in a run-down hotel, with Ann Firbank as an elderly nymphomaniac. Nick Philippou directs for Actors Touring Company.
**Northcott**, Stocker Rd, Pennsylvania (01392 493493) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 8pm. Until Oct 5. Next in **Glasgow**, Tron (0141-552 4267), Oct 8-12

**GLASGOW** Philip Prowse's production of **Hamlet**, with Cal MacAninch as the Prince, Sophie Ward as Ophelia, Ann Mitchell as Gertrude and Robert Gwilym as Claudius.
**Citizens**, Gorbals (0141-429 5561). Free preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Oct 19

Also in **Glasgow**, the first concert in the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**'s winter season is a Russian extravaganza, conducted by Alexander Lazarev. Dmitri Alexeev plays Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 2, which is followed by Rachmaninov's Second Symphony. Repeat performances at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh (tomorrow), and the Barbican, London (Saturday).
**Royal Concert Hall**, Buchanan Street (0141-287 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm.

### LONDON GALLERIES

**Anthony d'Offay:** Ellen Gallagher (0171-499 4100) . . **Barbican:** Erwin Blumenfeld: A Fetish for Beauty (0171-638 4141) . . **Curwen:** British Prints from the Sixties and Seventies (0171-636 1459) . . **Dulwich Picture:** Dutch Flower Painting (0181-693 5254) . . . **Hayward:** Antony Gormley: Field for the British Isles (0171-928 3144) . . . **Lisson:** James Casebere, Gaylen Gerber (0171-724 2739) . . . **National:** Associate Artist: Peter Blake (0171-747 2885) . . **National Theatre:** Shadow and Substance (0171-928 2035) . . **Redfern:** Marc Vaux: Recent Work (0171-734 1732) . . **Royal Academy:** Bridging the City (0171-439 7438)

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**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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☐ **BARTLEBY:** Red Shift's excellent production of Melville's story of the Wall Street copy-clerk who one day preferred not to copy.
**Pleasance London**, Carpenters Mews, North Road, N7 (0171-609 1800) Tue-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. Until September 29

☐ **BODIES:** Dinsdale Landen recreates his role of Mervyn in James Saunders's drama of former wife-swappers. The plea for living at extremes still carries conviction
**Orange Tree**, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm

◪ **BY JEEVES** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
**Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER.** Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-evident.
**Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **FAUST Part 1:** Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the title role, Hugh Quarshie as Mephistopheles
**The Pit, Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight, 7.15pm*. In rep. Until October 5

☐ **KINDERTRANSPORT.** Diana Quick and Jean Boht in Diane Samuels's moving drama about a Jewish girl who reached England from Nazi Germany but grew up in denial. Abigail Morris's production in the West End at last.
**Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **KING LEAR:** Having just directed the Bankside Globe's first production, Jack Shepherd now directs Oliver Cotton as Lear, Jan Shepherd as Cordelia
**Southwark Playhouse**, 62 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 (0171-620 3494) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7pm. Until Oct 12

☐ **MARTIN GUERRE:** The latest Boublil/Schonberg musical brings banal lyrics to a confusingly told tale
**Prince Edward**, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

◪ **THE OEDIPUS PLAYS:** Alan Howard in the title role of *Oedipus the King* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt
**National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7pm. In rep

■ **SUNSPOTS** Judy Upton's praised drama about a girl camping out in a seaside amusement arcade. Lisa Goldman's production, revived for the Critics' Choice season
**BAC**, 176 Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 5.30pm. Until September 29.

### LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ☐ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Criterion (0171-369 1737) . . . ☐ **Elvis:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . ◪ **Fame: The Musical:** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

**ANTONIA'S LINE** (15). A Dutch woman's feisty life. Feel-good movie from Marleen Gorris; this year's winner of the Best Foreign Film Oscar.
**Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **ESCAPE FROM LA** (15): Blowsy action movie from John Carpenter, set in a lawless Los Angeles of 2013. With Kurt Russell.
**Empire** (0800-888 911) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

**THE GREAT WHITE HYPE** (15): Flat-footed sports satire, with Samuel L. Jackson as a flamboyant boxing impresario. Director, Reginald Hudlin
**Odeon West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

**GUANTANAMERA** (15): Lethargic Cuban satire with a few bright trimmings. Directors, Tomás Gutiérrez Alea and Juan Carlos Tabío
**Metro** (0171-437 0757)

**THE INCREDIBLY TRUE ADVENTURE OF TWO GIRLS IN LOVE** (15): Gauche but sweet tale of teenage lesbians, written and directed by Maria Maggenti. With Laurel Holloman and Nicole Parker
**ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **STRIPTEASE** (15): Demi Moore's stripper seeks custody of her daughter. Clumsy mixture of sex, satire and melodrama, with Burt Reynolds. Director, Andrew Bergman.
**ABC Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

### CURRENT

◆ **EMMA** (U): Gwyneth Paltrow shines in a Jane Austen adaptation that leans too much towards the pretty-pretty. With Jeremy Northam.
**Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

**LE MEPRIS** (15): Gleaming revival of Jean-Luc Godard's 1963 fable about integrity, cinema, men and women. With Brigitte Bardot, Michel Piccoli and Jack Palance
**Everyman** (0171-435 1525)

◆ **PHENOMENON** (PG): John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot. Increasingly mawkish comic fantasy With Kyra Sedgwick. Director, Jon Turteltaub
**ABC Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15) Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack.
**Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

# Mobbing up in Hollywood

NEW ON VIDEO

**■ GET SHORTY**
*MGM/UA, 15, 1995*
HAIR swept back, dressed in black, John Travolta's Miami loanshark visits LA to round up money owed to the mob. But Hollywood calls, and he ends up a film producer. Elmore Leonard's novel offers engaging eccentric characters but not much narrative momentum. Gene Hackman plays a B-movie producer sucked into Travolta's schemes; the Shorty of the title is Danny DeVito, a superstar with an oversized ego. Director, Barry Sonnenfeld. Available to rent.

**■ THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME AND ANCRE**
*DD Video, E, 1916*
"BE UP and doing!" cried Lloyd George on seeing Geoffrey Malins's ground-breaking *Battle of the Somme*. "See that this picture reaches everyone. Herald the deeds of our brave men to the ends of the earth." Most of the brave men never came home from the First World War's trenches, but that did not stop Britain flocking to see the film and its sequel, *The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of the Tanks*. Even now there is a terrible beauty to the images of mud, rain, barbed wire, courage and death. A most welcome release.

**■ CUT-THROAT ISLAND**
*Fox Guild, PG, 1995*
RECKLESS pirate movie whose best audience is people too young to know what a good swashbuckler looks like. Geena Davis (wife of the director, Renny Harlin) tries to be Action Girl, while Matthew Modine's nonchalant acting ill suits a period extravaganza. Frank Langella acts the villain nicely, but you are still left with dull chases, swordfights and debris descending in slow motion. Available to rent.

**■ OTHELLO**
*20:20 Vision, 18, 1995*
LAURENCE FISHBURNE smoulders agreeably as the jealous Moor, but cannot handle the text with the finesse of Kenneth Branagh, smiling and scheming as Iago. The director, British actor Oliver Parker, pushes the story along at a fast lick and gets the best of his Italian locations. A fair stab at turning the Bard into decent entertainment for general audiences. A rental release.

**■ STEVE REICH'S CITY LIFE**
*Warner, E, 1995*
GERMAN television commissioned this one-hour documentary from Manfred Waffender chronicling the composition of Steve Reich's homage to the sounds of New York City. Fascinating to watch the composer catching raw street noises on his tape recorder and using sophisticated computer technology to transmute them into musical motifs, though the concluding performance by the Ensemble Modern under Sian Edwards suggests the material is still waiting to be turned into full-blooded music.

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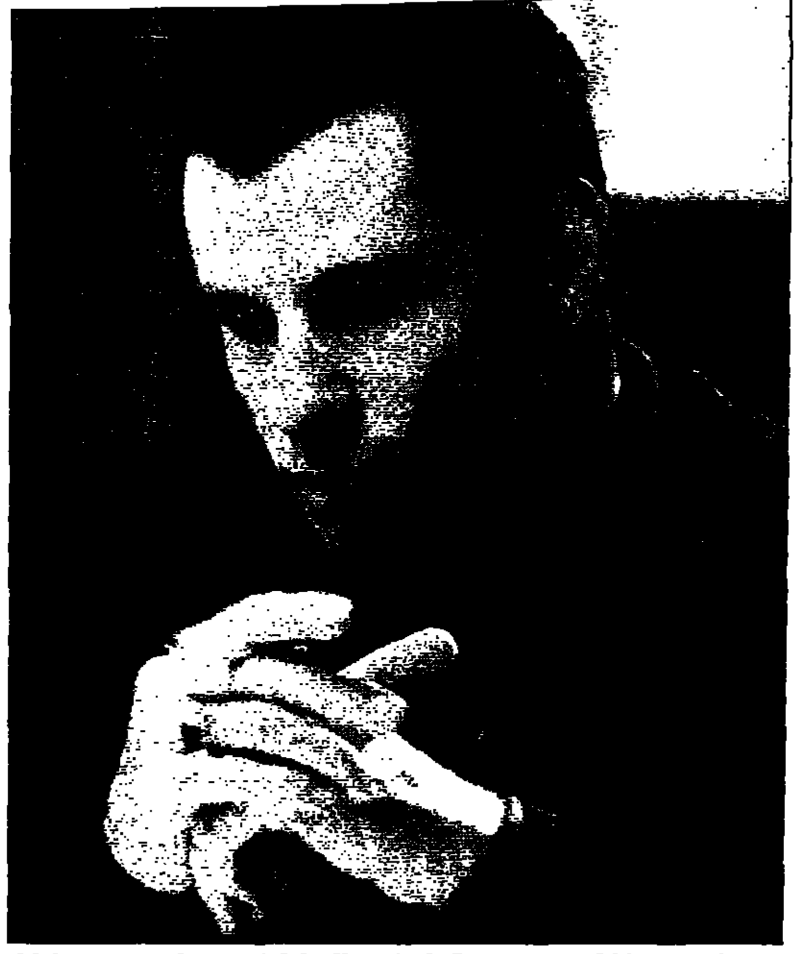

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**■ MARCEL MULE**
**Historical Saxophone Recordings**
*Clarinet Classics CC0013★★*

BOTH John Harle, in our decade, and Marcel Mule, in the 1930s and 1940s, brought the saxophone forward to the footlights of the classical stage in their own way. Harle's latest album, as composer and performer, takes its name from the central "fantasy", *Terror and Magnificence*, an exploration of the double-think of the medieval mind in a 20-minute setting of words by Guillaume de Machuat, for instrumental soloists, the London Voices — and 40 soprano saxophones (all played by Harle).

This imaginative, but somewhat shapeless, tableau is balanced by the tighter *Rosie-Blood*, written by Harle for the 1995 Meltdown Festival and clothing the bones of 12th-century polyphony by Pérotin in the gaudy of male chorus, counter-tenor (William Purefoy) and multi-tracked sax. Elvis Costello sings Harle's *Mistress Mine* (four songs from *Twelfth Night*), and three haunting settings of Tudor lyrics, *Three Ravens*, are sung by Sarah Leonard.

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**Symphonies 9 & 12**
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RECENT research has revealed much about the subtexts of Shostakovich's symphonies, but it appears that the Twelfth (*The Year 1917*), a paean to Lenin and the October Revolution, is just that. The first movement sets the scene of *Revolutionary Petrograd*, the title of the second (*Razliv*) refers to the lodging place of Lenin on the eve of revolution, that of the third (*Aurora*) alludes to the cruiser that inaugurated the uprising, while the the utopian optimism of the finale (*The Dawn of Humanity*) is indisputable.

The Helsinki Philharmonic under its principal guest conductor James DePreist is well drilled in the hurtling semiquaver passages that depict revolutionary activity in the first and third movements and the momentum is sustained admirably. Occasionally one misses the blistering raw edge that the battery of brass and percussion elicits in other performances, but DePreist's measured reading has its compensations, not least in the finale, where the spirit of optimism is appropriately emphatic rather than obsessive.

The Ninth Symphony, an enigmatic, Neo-Classical interlude in Shostakovich's series of weighty, epic structures, is given a neat, jaunty account, innocent of the grotesquerie discerned by some commentators.

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EMI's new *Bohème* bulges with star names. But first to a lesser known one. Antonio Pappano, the young conductor from the Brussels Monnaie, in his first opera for EMI has the surest of touches with Puccini and with the Philharmonia. The verve of the opening establishes that this is a piece about the young, but he never descends to raucousness. Nor, while slowing the pace for the intimacies of Act III, does he ever flirt with bleeding-heart mawkishness. A most distinguished debut.

All the Bohemians are given performances to match the Pappano style. Roberto Alagna's Rodolfo begins exuberantly with the occasional shout, but he soon melts under Mimi's influence and produces some ravishing head notes. The close of Act I has the full moonlit glow. Thomas Hampson's Marcello is simply the best around. He is the maturest of the four and the most thoughtful, despite his brushes with Musetta. Hampson's burnished baritone conveys it all. Samuel Ramey (Colline) and Simon Keenlyside (Schaunard) complete the hand-picked quartet.

Ruth Ann Swenson's Musetta has the right swagger without falling into mere flamboyance. The only small question mark hangs over the Mimi of Leontina Vaduva which is less impressive on record than it is currently on stage at Covent Garden. Mimi's frailty and vulnerability are there, but Vaduva, in her efforts to produce a very theatrical interpretation, occasionally sighs too much.

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# Whoops, there goes the plot again

**Cash on Delivery**
Whitehall

One of those scientists who are busily unravelling the secrets of DNA should get bits of Cooney into the lab without delay. There might be a Nobel Prize for whoever identifies the gene that father Ray, author of *Chase Me, Comrade* and a dozen other farces, has passed on to son Michael, author of *Cash on Delivery*. The main characteristic of this snippet of double helix is clear enough. It consists of a compulsion to thrust cartoon people into situations that force them to tell so many fibs, adopt so many guises, that harmless critics like me are left begging for something simple, like a five-hour play in German by Botho Strauss.

Is this the sort of gene that scientists should eradicate while the sufferer is in the womb? When the protagonist of *Cash on Delivery* decided he had developed Tourette's syndrome and started feverishly groping an ageing lady of vast bulk and ferocious mien, I did wonder. But there was another, more forgiving side of me that often shook with something that, rather to my surprise, I had to admit was laughter.

Farce had, after all, returned to the Whitehall, where Ray Cooney performed beside the great Brian Rix in *Dry Rot*, *Simple Spymen* and his own *One for the Pot*. Husbands hid in cupboards. Trousers fell. Nostalgia freaks will not find those things in *Cash*, but they will get a supposed corpse running around while still attached to his stretcher, men in drag, and an exploding washing machine.

And what of the plot? Yes, I was afraid you might ask. All the confusions derive from the attempts of Bradley Walsh's Eric, who has lost his job with the electricity company, to perpetuate massive social security frauds. When Frank Thornton's wintry inspector comes to ask questions about one of the invalids, unemployed men, widows and fatherless children with whom he has supposedly packed his house, he and an unwilling lodger soon find themselves dementedly covering up endless cover-ups. Indeed, Nick Wilton's Norman is variously cast as a lumberjack with lassa fever who has died falling from a tree, his deaf son, and the local landlady.

There is some logic to events that soon involve an undertaker, a doctor specialising in transvestism, and God knows who else; but it is well over the boundary between the just-plausible and the preposterous. If the DSS is as gullible and generous as this, Peter Lilley should promptly be fired, for income tax must be 20 per cent higher than it should be. As it is, you get the feeling that if a character entered disguised as a stork, the social service sleuths on hand would promptly smother it with maternity benefits.

Still, still. I could have done without all those jokes about little Willy and Uranus; but I enjoyed the moment when Brian Murphy's elderly fraudster gets biffed by a door, flutters about like a goofy marionette, and passes out. I laughed when the others tried to revive him by making him sniff the contents of a black plastic bag, and John Hart Dyke's creepy mortician concludes they are getting rid of a corpse on the cheap. The Whitehall is back — way, way back — in business.

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IF ALAN Bennett had lived in the Middle Ages, he would have died at the stake, condemned for selling his soul in exchange for the gift of reading the future. When *Enjoy* was revived last year, the conservation of a slum house as part of the national heritage (the play's climax) was no longer the quirky fantasy it must have seemed a decade and a half earlier.

Again and again he has sensed what will surely happen if things go on as they are, together with the insight to determine which *things* are ominous. Like the headmaster in his first play, *Forty Years On*, when he hears the word fart, he knows which way the wind is blowing.

When the two television plays that make up the double bill of *Office Suite* were transmitted in 1978, computers had not yet obliterated work practices that had survived for centuries. Quills had been replaced by fountain pens and then by typewriters, but the filing and issuing of documents was much as it had been when clerks of the Inquisition docketed intake of witches against purchase of stakes. In *Green Forms*, Bennett catches the moment when the computerised future arrives, and in *A Visit from Miss Prothero* it has kicked the present into the past.

At their desks in an ill-kept office, Paola Dionisotti and Susan Wooldridge, playing Doris and Doreen, gossip, complain about other departments and occasionally do a spot of typing. They are not exactly idle but, seen from 1996, their duties appear archaically laborious. Bennett's dialogue is packed with the jargon that all workforces create. "What's Wolverhampton doing here?" Doris asks, looking into a buff folder. "It's because of Solihull," comes the reply. We learn no more about the wandering Wolverhampton but recognise a verbal short-cut, a convenience to those who use it, comedy to those who overhear.

An apparently misdirected form (green) that comes their way starts them questioning their future, which turns out to be terminally endangered. Dionisotti, the fierce one, unwisely confident of her value, and Wooldridge's timorous assistant shade in altogether credible details of office behaviour, and Jennie Darnell's direction guides the mood from comedy to alarm. William Hargreaves's clever design surrounds the office with a rubbish-heap of filing cabinets.

The second play is slighter and flips into sentimental sadness. Mr Dodsworth (Timothy Bateson) is happy in his retirement until a mean-natured colleague (Wooldridge) calls in to keep him abreast of changes in the office. Bateson has a good range of gestures suggesting curiosity constrained by the wish to remain uninvolved, but Bennett intends him to feel grief that his innovations of umpteen years ago have been jettisoned. I was not convinced that he would.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MUSIC: The Ulster Orchestra is 30 years old on Saturday. **Hilary Finch** meets its new conductor

# Smiling through the Troubles

Belfast is never more artistically buoyant than when its social and political future is in precarious balance. And that, after all, is most of the time. "It is too late," Louis MacNeice commented all of 60 years ago, "to save your soul with bunting." But there will be more than bunting on display in Belfast this autumn. A confident new season, with two new productions, is under way at Opera Northern Ireland: a new 2,250-seater concert hall is rising from the Waterfront, planned to open in January: and the Ulster Orchestra celebrates its thirtieth anniversary at the end of this week with the appointment of a new principal conductor, Dmitri Sitkovetsky.

The orchestra, founded on September 28, 1966, had only three years of peaceful gestation before the Troubles began again. Yet in three decades of roadblocks being raised and lowered, peace being tasted and spat out again, the orchestra has built a formidable reputation for the performance and recording of British music, under the direction of Bryden Thomson and Vernon Handley.

It has toured its own province diligently and Europe and America extensively; and it has recently developed a flair for brighter Gallic colours under the direction of Yan Pascal Tortelier. The band has grown from 37 to 63 players: just the right size for shading into the darker, richer Russian palette by a violinist for whom chamber-music making remains a priority.

Moscow forged Sitkovetsky the soloist; the Juilliard School in America, to which he emigrated in 1977, made a chamber musician of him; Seattle and Finland developed him into a festival director, programmer and canny personnel manager. With his own "dream team" of string players in the New European Chamber Orchestra, the baton was all that remained for him to pick up. "Being a conductor is the ultimate musical experience, because you get to play — in your mind, and sometimes physically too — all the parts, and you get even further under the composer's skin."

Sitkovetsky first met the Ulster Orchestra as soloist in the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in 1988; he then conducted the composer's Serenade for Strings at three days' notice. "I was immediately aware of the closeness and alertness of their ensemble. They function like a large chamber orchestra, with everyone fully engaged and no sense at all of the merely routine. I felt a wonderful sense of rapport.

"It doesn't matter where they come from; when the players arrive in Belfast, something happens. There's a sense of openness, of passionate spirit, even of mischief. The element of humour is absolutely essential, after all, in a situation which is so strange, so complicated. There is something of the Russian character there."

Not least in the forthcoming programming. The season starts as it means to go on, with Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Shostakovich — and later with Rodion Shchedrin, one of the most successful composers of the Soviet era. "Yes, I'd like to bring to Ulster part of the Russia I'm rediscovering. You know, I'm so happy I managed to stay in Moscow long enough in the times that were *musically* happy. I feel sorry for my younger colleagues who have come out of Russia without ever knowing Oistrakh and Rostropovich, without having heard the premieres of Shostakovich, Khachaturian. What stories will they have to tell?"

Sitkovetsky offers both stories and Shchedrin's *Russian Photographs*. "In the last part, the orchestra actually has to sing while it's playing. They'll like that."

And will Sitkovetsky continue to play the violin? "Of course. But I'll concentrate on no more than 15 different concertos, here and there, to keep me on my toes. It's a bit like preparing for a space flight: you can know it all, do all the simulations — but this is the real thing."

● *The Ulster Orchestra's season opens tonight at the Guildhall, Derry (8pm) and tomorrow at the Ulster Hall, Belfast (7.45pm)*

ANDRE CAMARA

Dmitri Sitkovetsky: "Like preparing for a space flight"

RADIO

# Greedy and not so great

Contemporary writers live several public lives. The most public is in the news and gossip columns of newspapers, where enormous advances are announced, attacked, ridiculed and dissected. Another life is lived on our bookshelves, where the books for which they received the huge advance live a life mostly untroubled by anyone actually reading them.

This situation has led to writers having a reputation for greed and publishers being portrayed as the sort of mug three-card tricksters long to find entering their field of vision. Lest anyone thought this situation was new, the centenary of the birth of F. Scott Fitzgerald has arrived at a perfect moment.

Fitzgerald has featured this week in two Radio 4 programmes: **Reading Aloud — The Great Gatsby Letters** (Sunday) and **Book at Bedtime** (Monday to Friday), which opens a new and welcome series with *The Great Gatsby* itself.

Fitzgerald was of course some distance from being the lonely artist scribbling in his garret, which is the preferred public image of writers. He and his wife Zelda were part of the expat American group that wandered Europe in the 1930s, spending much of their time in Paris and on the Riviera: they helped to make the latter the ugly sprawl it is today.

The letters in *Reading Aloud* were written by Fitzgerald around the time that *The Great Gatsby* was published, in 1925. The book's success saved him, for the alcohol that fuelled his social life was being consumed in inverse proportion to the royalties needed to purchase it.

So I guess it is no surprise that Fitzgerald emerges from the letters as a man obsessed with money, a fault easily decried by those who do not suffer a lack of it. Even so, he had an extraordinary appetite for discussing cash, and even when writing about the books he appears to have been more interested in presentation than content. No wonder that he eventually went to Hollywood.

Elsewhere this week, Radio 3 has sent me on a marathon and my performance so far is abysmal: I am exhausted at the end of lap one. I know that Simon Rattle is a Very Great Conductor who has turned the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra into a world-class outfit. But should he not be deceased to qualify for 16 hours of radio?

**Simon Rattle — Home and Away** is running for two hours every Saturday lunchtime for the next eight weeks. The series is about his various orchestral collaborations, just in case we thought he was born on the podium in Birmingham. Part one included Rattle, aged 18, conducting Stravinsky with the Glasgow Youth Orchestra, and very impressive it was.

The BBC is fond of themed programming but there is certainly no requirement to hear the whole of this series to get pleasure from it. Which, in my case, is probably just as well.

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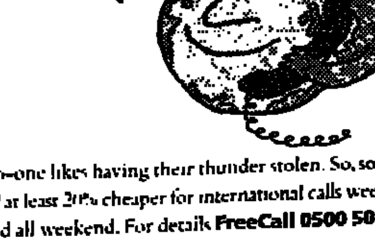

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CAUTION: DO NOT DRINK WHEN YOU WANT TO SLEEP

**Claire Tomalin** admires the tenacious and God-fearing wife of Alfred Lord Tennyson

# O Love, what hours were thine and mine

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Alfred Lord Tennyson with Emily and their sons Lionel and Hallam, at Farringford on the Isle of Wight (1863)

Emily Tennyson was described as an "Angel" more frequently than any other person in 19th-century England, and when she was not an angel she was a saint. Her claim to angelic status rested on her position as perfect wife to Alfred Tennyson. It seemed appropriate that the greatest living poet should be supported by a woman ethereally beautiful and deeply religious. He, a melancholic and disorderly genius, tippled port and failed to answer letters. She, frail and usually unwell, dealt with his huge correspondence, organised the upkeep of two enormous country houses, and entertained on an heroic scale; for Tennyson, like Byron, became a celebrity, and they knew everyone, the Queen, Gladstone, Jowett, and a clutch of duchesses and deans.

Ann Thwaite's revelation that Emily had a taste for alcohol too — she kept going on champagne and brandy mixed into arrowroot — comes as rather a relief. Other reasons for her effectiveness were her faith in the power of prayer — she believed God smiled at her when she prayed — and, it must be said, a will of pure steel.

Her mother died when she was three, which can produce a particularly strong-minded and determined child, and she seems to have been a classic case of displaced ambition, serving first her father, then her husband and finally her sons.

Her father, a country lawyer, did not marry again and Emily, the eldest of three daughters, learnt to look after him and the household. She could read Dante and Goethe in the original, studied history and took an interest in social questions. None of this, incidentally, led her to believe that women should be granted either votes or degrees: "the order of the world gives women more power than ever so much self-assertion," she wrote later. As Ann Thwaite adds in one of her pithy asides: "There had never been any question of the power Emily herself held."

This is the first biography devoted to this formidable person. Ann Thwaite has filled out an enormous amount of detail, and paints a warmly sympathetic picture of her as daughter and wife. Emily first saw Tennyson, handsome as a god, when she was still a child in Lincolnshire, and they fell in love a decade before their marriage in 1850. Lack of money, religious differences and perhaps his fear of being bound by a wife and too many children helped to keep them apart. Only when he reached 40 was he persuaded that the marriage would be good for him: two days after the ceremony he announced: "We seem to get on very well together. I have not beaten her yet."

*He made the jokes, but she* more than held her own. For all her delicacy, she gave him three sons, the first still-born when she was 37 ,the two who survived a source of intense joy to both. The marriage also coincided with the beginning of his financial success, and she took charge of that aspect of their life also. Ann Thwaite quotes from *The Daisy*, one of his most perfect tributes to her, although she doesn't give my favourite lines, in which Tennyson's unparalleled music is joined to his wife's grasp of economics: "O love, we two shall go no longer/ To lands of summer across the sea;/ So dear a life your arms enfold/ Whose crying is a cry for gold."

EMILY TENNYSON
The Poet's Wife
**By Ann Thwaite**
*Faber, £20*
*ISBN 0 571 16554 0*

The dearer life was that of their second son, Hallam. Mrs Thwaite, herself the wife of a fine poet, is particularly touching on the happy family life on the Isle of Wight, and the gentle rearing of the two boys, kept in vandyke curls and clothes long beyond the usual years. She says neither parent believed in original sin and there was a glowing innocence about their upbringing.

Ann Thwaite is rarely critical of her, but does say she did not know how to let go of her sons. Tennyson was not much better; they formed a charmed, mutually dependent circle of four, and intruders, including the sons' wives, had to submit to Tennyson rules or suffer. Emily's amassing of money and property, the acceptance of a hereditary peerage, were surely for the sake of the boys. She also wrote letters pushing for favours from Gladstone and other influential figures. Both sons were amiable: Hallam dogged and serious, Lionel frivolous and unable to settle to work. Not too surprisingly, the more their mother pushed, the less they became.

This is a finely and deeply researched work, and clearly a labour of love. It is not a light book. Six hundred pages are a very generous allowance for someone who would not be remembered but for her association with a great man (and oddly, she gets no index entry while he has four columns). Ann Thwaite believes that Lady Tennyson was a more passionate and a less conventional person than she has been made to appear, but although she has filled out the picture admirably, it does not seem substantially changed. Still, she tells an ever absorbing story, and throws much light on that fascinating social area in which high art and worldly power meet.

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# Tupperware traditions

## Sean French

LIKE PLASTIC
**By David Flusfeder**
*Cape, £14.99*
*ISBN 0 224 04333 1*

AMONG MODERN British novelists and the reviewers of their novels, there has been an anxiety that has become almost proverbial about smallness of theme, subject and location. There has been a demand for size and ambition — like the Victorians, like the Americans.

It's tempting and easy to call for novels of this kind, but will we like them when we have to read them? David Flusfeder's new novel (his second) signals its ambition immediately by the size of the family tree on the inside of its cover, 43 members stretching from Jack Levy (born in 1871), the Lithuanian immigrant who got off the boat in the East End of London believing it was New York City, to his great-grandson Simon (born in 1982) who, it seems, takes on himself the burden of the family's moral failures and retreats into his room as a teenager and fails to emerge for three years.

Jack scraped a living by selling buttons and over the next two generations the family constituted itself into a firm, the Levy Plastics Company. Plastic is our symbol for everything that we vaguely feel is amiss in the modern world and the book teems with plastic objects: buttons, combs, clothes, the furniture, cutlery and tableware of fast-food restaurants. Yet plastic is also inextricable from the optimism of modernity: "The past was dead. The future would be, as the old slogan said, like plastic."

Plasticity is also, we infer, a quality of the Levy family, the plasticity of the immigrant, of the decaying mind of an old woman, and of the restlessness of the two Levy cousins competing for the family firm. Howard Levy escapes and travels abroad before returning to family and work, Charlie Levy loses himself in drugs, sex, fantasy and his baroque schemes of corruption which betray himself. Flusfeder moves with some skill between the voices and imaginations of these characters, although the resemblance of Charlie's narrative — with its drugs, its sense of fleshly disgust, its farcical obscenity — to the progress of John Self in Martin Amis's *Money* is almost preposterous.

Flusfeder's family saga gains power and poignancy from the Jewishness of its setting. The Jewish family is famously founded on notions of tradition and continuity, and the tragedy of the family (and the company) is that because of social change and the modern economic world, the past no longer has a hold on us. A photograph of Sam and Daniel Levy, the founders of the firm, recurs in the narrative, passed from hand to hand, contemplated, destroyed, reconstituted and finally burnt as the LPC factory is being demolished.

FLUSFEDER is a skilful and intelligent writer but he has set himself an aesthetic challenge which he doesn't meet. He adopts a traditional novelistic form but doesn't share the convictions about character and, for that matter, about narrative that make up its architecture — that make another novel about a family that is also a company, *Dombey and Son*, not just coherent but enjoyable to read. Maybe we can't believe in the old-fashioned family saga any more, but the 350 pages of *Like Plastic* seem an arduous way of demonstrating this.

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# Spark struck out and lacking fire

## Rachel Cusk

REALITY AND DREAMS
**By Muriel Spark**
*Constable, £14.95*
*ISBN 0 09 469670 5*

The title of Muriel Spark's latest novel is something of a red herring, standing adjacent to the story until the very end, and constantly threatening in moments of peculiarity or dissonance to admit entrance to a much larger and more complex framework of ideas than those to which the novel actually adheres.

*Reality and Dreams* is in fact a convenient, if mildly encrypted, shorthand for the landscape of cinema, and less plausibly for that of the wider creative imagination. The novel begins promisingly along these lines, with a successful film director waking in hospital after a bad fall during which, among other things, he has suffered concussion. That the creative process operates from a junction of the mind at which it might be possible, given a knock on the head, to become stuck is an interesting idea; but this sinister notion, rather than forming the backbone of the novel, merely lends it an ethereal overlay in which everything, while certainly seeming a bit odd, isn't quite strange enough to gather to itself any particular significance.

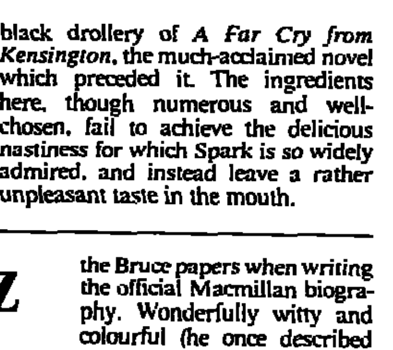
Instead, the story of Tom Richards and his warring family soon sidles back to the altogether more Sparkish territory of foul play, gritty repartee, and some of the most vaudeville plotting of her career.

Tom Richards, toppled from his director's crane and confined to the gossip-fuelled passivity of his bedroom, lies in symbolic splendour at the centre of one of the novel's more robust, if unmoored, concerns: the redundancy of men. The cruelty of the word itself evidently exerts some fascination for Spark, who sets about laying off her characters and then watches as the civilised patina of male behaviour begins to tarnish and fade. "Apparently the phenomenon of male redundancy is frequently accompanied by a brusque fall in sexual activity and reduced desire with the impossibility of having a complete erection": the perfect conditions for sexual mayhem, as these abject, flaccid males abdicate from their marriages in search of their lost potency.

Meanwhile, Tom is attempting to maintain control of both his film and his family, between which he has difficulty in distinguishing. The film: *The Hamburger Girl* is a flimsy, fanciful tale revolving around a girl Tom glimpsed years earlier on a French campsite making hamburgers, a girl whose charm is "that she has no history". The family is far more gripping. At its centre are Tom's two daughters: Cora, beautiful and good; and Marigold, hideous and bad. Cora is the repository of male self-esteem and Marigold its thief; Cora the apple of her parents' eye, and Marigold their nemesis.

Indeed, the undisguised loathing with which Tom and his wife Claire, and for that matter their author, regard Marigold is somewhat startling. "Why should anyone *bother* to murder Marigold?" thinks Tom, in response to the proposition, after his daughter has gone missing, that this is what might have happened to her. Poor Marigold is at least given the pabulum of a part in one of Tom's films; but her ill-treatment is typical of the atmosphere of unfocused fierceness which pervades the novel.

*Reality and Dreams* finally has more in common with the chaotic sensibility of *Symposium* than the black drollery of *A Far Cry from Kensington*, the much-acclaimed novel which preceded it. The ingredients here, though numerous and well-chosen, fail to achieve the delicious nastiness for which Spark is so widely admired, and instead leave a rather unpleasant taste in the mouth.



Unfocused fierceness: Spark (1992)

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# Fine French wine at the Paris Ritz and cyanide pills at Claridge's

## Alistair Horne

THE LAST AMERICAN ARISTOCRAT
The Biography of Ambassador David K. E. Bruce
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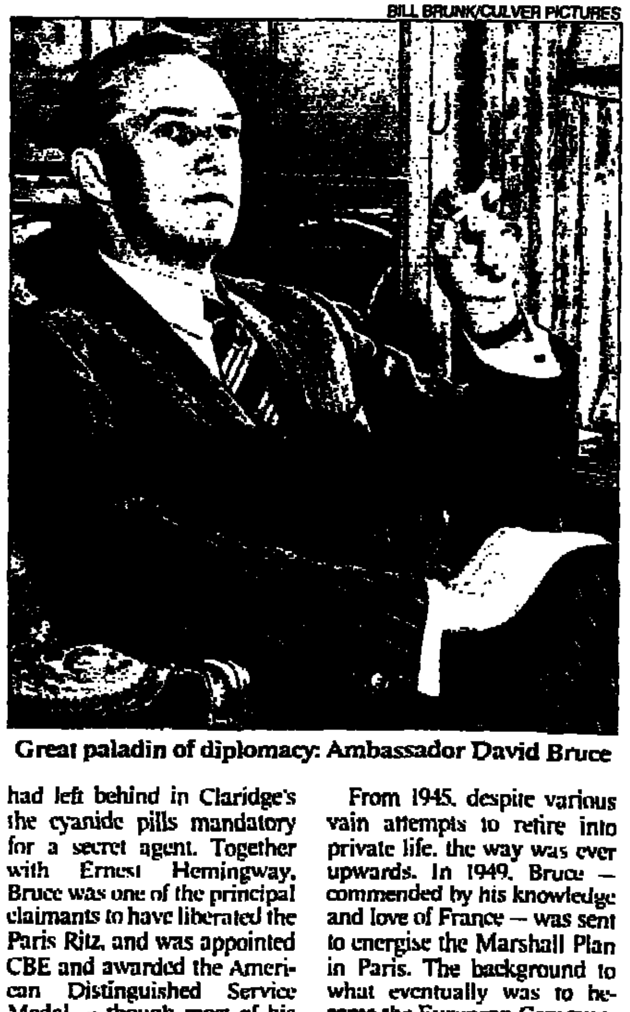

Great paladin of diplomacy: Ambassador David Bruce

Until Foreign Secretaries took to jetting round the world like demented travelling salesmen, ambassadors were mighty potentates, influencing as well as executing policy.

David Bruce may not justly be rated "The Last American Aristocrat", but he was certainly one of those last great paladins of diplomacy. After (the still much lamented) Raymond Seitz, Bruce was probably the most successful — and popular — envoy to be sent by Washington to the Court of St James's since the war. Under Macmillan and Wilson, JFK and LBJ, he served here for eight years, making him the longest incumbent on record.

Apart from London — which, from wartime days, had become a spiritual home — Bruce was also Ambassador in Paris, Bonn and Peking(where he opened relations for Nixon after Kissinger's historic breakthrough of 1971). He had, says Mr Lankford, "a knack for being present at the most dramatic turning points in his country's foreign affairs".

Born in 1898 of Virginian grandee stock, with the proverbial silver spoon, he went to all the right schools, and for a while reminded people of the lotus-eating youths out of Scott Fitzgerald — a friend at Princeton. He went to France with the Army, and was bitterly disappointed to be too late for the war; but fell in love with Paris, and the best French wines. Then he married the daughter of the richest man in America, Andrew Mellon. He toyed briefly with a diplomatic career, but the hyper-rich and neurotic Ailsa brought him out of it. Then followed traditional but sterile years — in law, investment banking and local politics.

In some ways Bruce's life reminds me of Harold Macmillan, with whom he was to become so closely associated. Both had the same aristocratic bearing: the unflappable exterior which revealed nothing of what was going on beneath. Both had unhappy marriages which helped to sharpen their professional zeal. Most significantly, both were late developers who were made by the Second World War. While Macmillan was sent by Churchill to North Africa, and never looked back, that same year David Bruce, now already in his forties, was sent by his friend "Wild Bill" Donovan to head the London bureau of the OSS, America's new Secret Service.

At one moment he and the fearless Donovan narrowly escaped capture by the Germans in Normandy — to discover (fortunately) that they had left behind in Claridge's the cyanide pills mandatory for a secret agent. Together with Ernest Hemingway, Bruce was one of the principal claimants to have liberated the Paris Ritz, and was appointed CBE and awarded the American Distinguished Service Medal — though most of his battles seemed to have been fought against the diehards of British Intelligence.

From 1945, despite various vain attempts to retire into private life, the way was ever upwards. In 1949, Bruce — commended by his knowledge and love of France — was sent to energise the Marshall Plan in Paris. The background to what eventually was to become the European Community is the most informative part of this book. I did not know just how close David Bruce's relationship was with Jean Monnet, whom he regarded as "the foremost philosopher of the 20th century". Mr Lankford says with justice that "for a generation he was one of a select band of brothers who kept the Atlantic alliance alive".

From the Marshall Plan, it was a logical step to his first Embassy, Paris, in 1949. In the meantime, in wartime London, he had also acquired a new and much younger wife, his secretary, Evangeline Bell. Regrettably, I never knew David Bruce, but Evangeline — who died last year after tragically losing her sight — became a close friend for many years. A Gainsborough-like beauty, her charm and skill as a hostess undoubtedly contributed immeasurably to David's success.

After Paris, it was Bonn (which he described as "cruel and unnatural punishment"). His wartime experiences had filled him with mistrust for the Germans; nevertheless, he left amid highest praise from Adenauer, and in 1961 he went to London as the newly elected President Kennedy's envoy.

If I have a quibble, it is over Mr Lankford's interpretation when he says that, with Ormsby-Gore as British Ambassador in Washington, Kennedy "made Bruce almost superfluous in London", and that he was much more effective under Johnson. This was not the impression I received from the Bruce papers when writing the official Macmillan biography. Wonderfully witty and colourful (he once described the vast Lord Chancellor, Dilhorne, as overlapping on both sides of the Woolsack) his dispatches were highly perceptive of Macmillan — and clearly had their influence in the White House.

Unhappily for the Bruces their departure from London in 1969 was muddied by the ferocity of the anti-Vietnam demos, which left Grosvenor Square a shambles. He was glad to go. Then followed a sequence of family tragedies which darkened his remaining years.

This is one of the more engaging biographies I have read this year. It eulogises its subject, but never excessively; the flaws are not passed over, and Mr Lankford has done his homework on the historic backdrop superbly. If David Bruce were alive today one wonders, however, if he would not be downcast by Eurocracy in Brussels rather than the Europe he dreamt of, and at Britain's disarray in coming to terms with it.

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## On the independence of solitude

**Malcolm Bradbury**

EMERSON AMONG THE ECCENTRICS
A Group Portrait
**By Carlos Baker**
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The years between 1830 and 1860 are some of the most remarkable in American literature. It was the time of the (belated) American Romantic revolution, sometimes called the American Renaissance, really a naissance.

The leading figure was Ralph Waldo Emerson, son of a Boston miner, who himself became a Unitarian clergyman until a crisis of faith took him into other, more self-reliant offices. The chief seat was the small town of Concord, two and a half hours from Boston (until they built the Boston-Fitchburg railroad) which Henry James later called the American Weimar.

Emerson came from Concord and, after his second marriage to Lidian (his first wife had died aged 19), Emerson resettled there, in a house called Coolidge Castle. In a new age when old faiths were waning, America growing more confident of its historical novelty, Emerson announced a philosophy of romantic self-reliance: "God is, not was". Priest became a philosopher, poet, critic; Emerson, all those things, lived largely by lecturing. A man who knew the need to be "alone with the Alone" he still gathered round him a community of powerful, like-minded, individual friends. Many moved to Concord to be near him. They forged what became a dominant sensibility of American writing for thirty years; the movement known, to Emerson's own unease, as Transcendentalism.

So crucial is this coming together and flowing of representative men and women for American cultural history that its story has been repeatedly told. Nearly every hand held a pen, and kept a voluminous record. The Transcendentalist heyday came round mid-century, in a flourish of major books: the impact radiated to subsequent generations.

Walt Whitman in one way, Henry James in another, advanced the enterprise. Today Transcendentalism is still planted firm in American writing, in ways not true of the British Romantics.

Ralph W.Emerson

Carlos Baker's magnificent study of the work of his lifetime was all but completed when he died in 1987. Unlike most recent stories, it's no abstract analysis of Emersonianism as quasi-religion, philosophy, contribution to abolitionism, environmentalism, feminism, optimism. It's an intimate, exact, near-daily reconstruction of the human detail of a way of life, a community of friends and adversaries, a culture that made culture — studied stage by stage, friendship by friendship, marriage by marriage, quarrel by quarrel.

Emerson's company was "eccentric", grainily individualistic, driven by spirit in the world of nature and material fact. There was Bronson Alcott, former peddler, educator, Orphic sayer, whose impoverished wife tended Irish immigrants in Boston while he thought. There was the emotionally importunate Margaret Fuller, who tried to tempt Emerson into the heaving bosom of nature, clearly her own. Ellery Channing married Fuller's sister and joined the group. Henry David Thoreau sat in his hut at Walden Pond, on Emerson's land.

Emerson's poetical clarity, his fascination both with spirit and human foible, his bridging of the powers of divinity and the world of fact and nature, the bounce of his prose, the force of his reflections, held them together. So did his generosity: in editing, promoting, financing the surrounding band, advancing the idea of the new American poet, who spoke in Orphic voice, asserting: "I unsettle all things. No facts are to me sacred, none are profane. I simply experiment, an endless seeker, with no past at my back."

Others of different cast joined the proceedings, above all Nathaniel Hawthorne, who rented the old Emerson house, the Old Manse. Hawthorne admired Emerson but not all the "eccentrics". "Never was a poor little country village infested with such a variety of queer, strangely dressed, oddly behaved mortals, most of whom took it upon themselves to be important agents of the world's destiny, yet were simply bores of a very intense water." It was Hawthorne and his friend Melville who invested the culture of the era with the sense of irony and tragedy that deepened its literature.

Not that tragedy was absent from a culture that for all its experimentation now feels a wonderfully bucolic age. Emerson lost several brothers and a beloved son; Hawthorne a sister in a steamboat accident. But two tragedies were overwhelming.

One was the death of Margaret Fuller, shipwrecked while returning from revolutionary Italy with her new husband and the child she had longed to conceive. Emerson edited a work in her homage. The other tragedy was more public. Most Transcendentalists were passionate abolitionists, supporters of John Brown, who attempted to start an insurrection in the South. The Civil War that followed his hanging turned Emerson warlike. Many near him died in the conflict and, when the horrors were over, America and Transcendentalism were not what they'd been.

It was not new moral law but economic growth that held postwar America together. Most of the writers had gone. Emerson, memory failing sadly, lived on till 79. Beautifully constructed and written, Baker's book is the largest and best endeavour to bring this whole crucial world back into full felt life.

## Playing a dangerous game

**Conor Cruise O'Brien** on the life of a pivotal architect in the making of modern Ireland

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A charismatic figure: Michael Collins (left) with Richard Mulcahy, Diarmuid O'Hegarty and Kevin O'Higgins at Arthur Griffith's funeral (1922)

James Mackay is a Scottish Presbyterian who has fallen under the spell of the Irish Catholic and nationalist hero, Michael Collins. His book is well researched and his narrative well told. The material — mostly the Irish troubles of 1919-1922 — is very interesting. So, many readers will probably find the book enjoyable. Unfortunately, as a work of history, it is deeply flawed.

In his introduction Mr Mackay writes of his hero: "His violent death two months before his 32nd birthday robbed Ireland of the one man who might have brought the civil war to a speedy conclusion and might even have nipped partition in the bud and spared the generations unborn from the suffering and anguish of more recent times."

And in his epilogue Mr Mackay writes: "Had Michael lived, it is highly probable that he would have brought the civil war to a speedy conclusion and succeeded in healing the break with the North, leading to the removal of partition."

All this stuff about Collins being on the way to ending partition is sheer nonsense, as is indeed apparent from Mr Mackay's own narrative. After the setting up of the Irish Free State — now the Republic of Ireland — at the end of 1920, Collins set himself to conduct a secret war against Northern Ireland, already established as part of the United Kingdom. As Mr Mackay writes: "It was to counter the alarming growth in what has now come to be termed 'ethnic cleansing' that Michael was compelled to arm and equip the Northern IRA when he was taking steps to combat the IRA in the South and West of Ireland."

Actually, Collins's backing for the IRA in the North was part of an effort to heal the yawning split of the IRA in the South, over the Treaty. Mackay goes on: "Even more extraordinary was (sic) Michael's arrangements to send weapons and ammunition to the Northern IRA from the material supplied to him by the British for combating southern republicans. This was indeed an exceedingly dangerous game."

It was indeed, but it was one Collins pursued until his death in August 1922. After his death the policy of arming the Northern IRA was dropped by his successor, William T. Cosgrave.

Michael Collins was a guerrilla leader of genius, and in many ways an attractive human being. But his culture and his politics were exclusively those of Catholic Ireland and he never made any effort to understand the politics of Irish Protestants. At the end his idea was to head off the burgeoning civil war in the South and turn it into a war for the liberation of Northern Ireland. As far as the Government in the South was concerned, the struggle would have to be conducted secretly, and the secret was never well kept. Something similar was attempted much later, by members of a Fianna Fail Government in 1970, but had to be dropped when it leaked to the public. And traces of similar thinking can be discerned within the present "peace process" in a continuing cosy relationship between Sinn Fein — even while the IRA is again "at war" — and civil servants of the Department of External Affairs.

MICHAEL COLLINS
A Life
**By James Mackay**
*Mainstream, £17.50*
*ISBN 1 851 58 857 4*

Such perspectives are almost entirely lacking from Mr Mackay's book, which is in consequence a bad guide to Irish history and politics. There are occasional glimpses of reality: "In June, an inspector of the Royal Irish Constbulary was shot in the main street of Thurles, Co Tipperary. As the unfortunate victim lay dying a crowd gathered and jeered, with cries of 'Up the Republic'. No sympathy was shown for the dead man or his family, the town council remined silent on the matter, and scarcely a blind was drawn on the day of the funeral."

Not a spontaneous pattern. Mr Mackay is describing, although he doesn't seem to realise it, the marks of an IRA reign of terror in the area at the time. The RIC was generally liked and respected and some manifestations (even if ambivalent) of respect for the dead would have been expected, if the inhabitants had not been mortally afraid of the people who were supposed to be liberating them. And that pattern hasn't completely gone away either.

As I said, Mr Mackay generally writes well. But there are occasions when the excess of his sympathy for suffering republicans leads him into bathos. Thus, of the British position in Ireland in the summer of 1920, Mr Mackay writes: "Thereafter a doom-laden atmosphere not unlike that within the Hitler bunker of 1945 increasingly prevailed." And again: "In the annals of man's inhumanity to man, the savagery of the Inquisition and the Gestapo must rank high, but that night both were surpassed by the sadism of Captain Hardy and his associates of F Division of the Auxiliary Police."

*Michael Collins A Life* makes an interesting read, but should not be taken seriously as a guide to Irish history.

## Lyricism lies in life

**Russell Celyn Jones**

ADMIRING SILENCE
**By Abdulrazak Gurnah**
*Hamish Hamilton, £16*
*ISBN 0 241 00184 6*

SOMEONE might have told the narrator of Abdulrazak Gurnah's fifth novel that truth is often pernicious. Why else does he spin so many tall tales to Emma, his English common-law wife, his 17-year-old daughter Amelia and, as it transpires, to the reader? Is it because, as he says, "that is what stories can do, they can push the feeble disorders we live with out of sight"? Or is it that the immigrant has an endemic identity crisis?

He is an unreliable narrator par excellence, weaving stories within stories of the life and times of his African family nexus. Naming people is to identify them. But is Uncle Hashim really his uncle? Is Abbas, who stowed away to England, really his mother's brother? It is not for nothing that we never learn the name of this narrator.

He claims he has been forced into deception by Emma's people, in particular her father Mr Willoughby, who refers to immigrants as "darkies". Satirised, all they all want to hear is confirmation that colonial Africa was civilised; post-colonial Africa, without its paternal governors, a cesspit. There is no truth, only perceptions of truth.

To a degree the narrator confirms some of these prejudices on his return visit to Zanzibar. He has gone home to inform his family, who have arranged a marriage for him, that he already has a wife and child in England. The men he finds in power there he refers to as cannibals and heathens. And the toilets don't work. But beyond plumbing, modern Africa and England are parallel universes. Gurnah's last, Booker-shortlisted novel *Paradise* was set in 1913, in Mombasa. *Admiring Silence* is set in the late 1980s. Culturally, England's also had its day. It is all shagged out.

The Africa he describes is reminiscent of V. S. Naipaul's milieu in *Bend in the River*: claustrophobic and more humane than organised. But at least it's a country where one can have an audience with the Prime Minister simply by knocking on his door.

Zanzibar is where the lying finally stops and we discover the real identities of the cast — and that the narrator's own absent father's trajectory is almost identical to his own. The Prime Minister makes an offer to him to stay and help to restore the kingdom.

His experiences in England as a schoolteacher have made him sought after; but the narrator returns because England is Emma. He probably wishes he had not in the end, but that's another story.

THERE are a few false moments in the novel: his characters all tend to conduct long monologues with the same syntax, voicing the same concerns; the narrative quest for identity never quite finds its way back to the opening crisis of ill-health, and the personal and political themes of duplicity are not as osmotic as they could be. But Gurnah is a compelling storyteller and *Admiring Silence* exercises a mnemonic hold on the reader. It raises the hue and cry through passages of sustained lyricism, evoking with great passion a pointless epic of a human life.

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## Did any one of them die a happy man?

**Bruce Anderson**

MUDDLING THROUGH
Power, Politics and the Quality of Government in Postwar Britain
**By Peter Hennessy**
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This book has an impressive title, which bears little relation to the contents. Given the title, the reader might expect an overview of the economy, the constitution, the machinery of government, foreign affairs and Europe. All these topics are indeed touched on, and then skated over. The only overview is of Mr Hennessy's lectures and BBC broadcasts. He does provide an *apparatus criticus*, but most of the references are to his own articles. This book is not an original work, but a compilation of superficialities.

There are some amusing anecdotes. When re-elected in 1951, Churchill described his priorities as "red meat and not getting scuppered". In 1951, Lord Longford wondered whether he was too eccentric to be First Lord of the Admiralty, but was reassured by Attlee that "the Navy survived Winston and Brendan Bracken; it will probably survive you". During the February 1974 election, Enoch Powell tried to co-ordinate his attacks on the Heath Government with Harold Wilson's, and to ensure that they did not both make big speeches on the same night. His intermediary in this was his then chief assistant, Andrew Alexander, now of the *Daily Mail* — as Joe Haines recalled on one of Mr Hennessy's programmes: "There was one hilarious occasion when he emerged from the shadows of a hotel in Cardiff to beckon me." They were a well-matched pair.

But there is some sloppy editing. A number of quotations are re-used in different sections; the material is thin enough already without having to reread it. There are also some misjudgments and mis-

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Red meat and not getting scuppered: Hopkins, Bracken and Winston Churchill (1951)

Macmillan did not sparkle on his feet in the Commons, as Mr Hennessy claims. In those days, he was still known as the dinner bell; when he got to his feet, the chamber emptied. Lloyd George may have given him good advice as to how to make a speech; he did not succeed in putting it into practice until the Attlee years, when he rapidly transformed his reputation.

Peter Hennessy congratu-

ing "a brave attempt to end white minority rule in Rhodesia after Ian Smith's Unilateral Declaration of Independence". What attempt, what bravery? Wilson did make a speech saying that the Smith regime would fall in weeks rather than months. But this was a typically Wilsonian performance; it sounded imposing, but had no basis in reality. Within three years, during the *Fearless* talks, Mr

sions as generous as anything that Mr Smith and his colleagues could have hoped for. Fortunately for Harold Wilson, Ian Smith and the Rhodesian Front were too boneheaded to accept them; one of the many interesting "what ifs" of recent years is what would have happened had they done so.

Mr Hennessy does criticise Mr Wilson for not doing enough to make "planning"

Ian Mikardo, whom he describes as a "socialist and management consultant". Fellow-traveller and Stalinist would have been more accurate. He would have favoured any plan, as long as it lasted for five years and involved Gulags. While it is natural that Mr Mikardo should be out of sympathy with Wilsonian rhetorical emptiness, Mr Hennessy should not have given him credence.

Our author also wonders whether any postwar Prime Minister except Home died a happy man. Surely Attlee and Macmillan died as happily as is possible — though one could forgive Mr Hennessy a lot for his generous treatment of Lord Home, except that he is equally generous to Ted Heath.

This book has a subplot; to defend the BBC, which Mr Hennessy describes as a "barbican of reason and balance ... part of [the] high cultural fabric". There may still be a few aspects of the BBC which justify that description; Peter Hennessy's broadcasts are not among them. They are amiable listening, demanding at most half an ear, and to describe them, as he does, as part of a "shared ... capacity for thinking together" is absurdly pretentious. So was the decision to perpetuate these

# Insuring against the future

### As it celebrates its centenary, the Chartered Insurance Institute looks ahead to a more qualified and professional industry. **Patrick Collinson** reports

The 1990s have not been kind to the insurance industry. Lloyd's names were engulfed by huge losses. Telephone-selling direct insurers pulled the rug from under traditional high-street brokers, while the reputation of financial advisers skidded under the £4 billion pension-transfer scandal.

Tens of thousands of jobs have been lost. Yet the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), the industry's professional body with more than 70,000 members, is looking forward to its centenary year with confidence.

Professionalism is the key. The CII has set out its stall as the essential body, raising standards across the industry in a bid to regain the public's lost confidence.

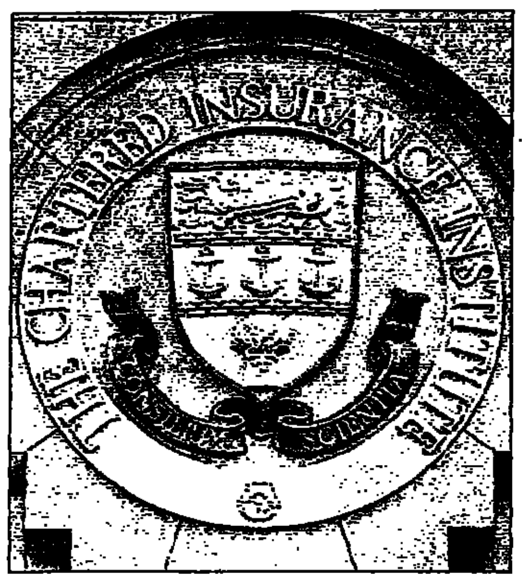
Starting out as an insurance salesman only five years ago was famously easy. High-pressure sales techniques became commonplace, and public anxiety began to increase rapidly.

But a revolution is going on in educational and competency standards, led by the CII. Its director-general, David Bland, says: "Insurance has had a terrible press. In 1990, 70,000 examinations were taken. Last year it was 200,000, showing that employees and employers are getting the message that they need to be qualified."

The institute has a duty to get it right: insurance is an industry that employs more than 250,000 people in the UK. Last year life insurance premiums totalled £44 billion, while general insurance premiums topped £41 billion, according to the Association of British Insurers.

The biggest challenge for the institute over the past year has been the Personal Investment Authority's demand that all advisers obtain the CII's Financial Planning Certificate.

Dr Bland says: "Nearly 50,000 people have completed the exam, yet there have only been a handful of serious complaints. We have had to deal with people who are, say, 55 and have been in the industry for years and for whom taking an exam is a psychological issue. We have also had to do it very cost effectively."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But minimum qualifications are only the first part of the institute's commitment to professionalism. Dr Bland makes it clear that the FPC and the Certificate of Proficiency are only a junior standard. "They are more equivalent to being a pharmacist. The advanced certificate is the right level claiming that you are professional. But only when you are a fellow of the CII are you more akin to being a surgeon."

Fellowship is obtained after taking the associateship examination, followed by three years' practice and submitting a dissertation. Despite the tough entry requirements, there are 40,000 members.

Maintaining that level of professionalism is the institute's next task. It knows that continual study and updating knowledge are essential if the public is to view insurance practitioners on a par with other professions.

All Society of Fellows members have to follow a strict Continuing Professional Development (CPD) regime. Already 20,000 institute members are enrolled in the points-based scheme, earning points by attending technical seminars and courses of study.

Andy Couchman, secretary of the Society of Fellows, says: "We have been delighted at the response from members. Until now there has been no form of measurement for a lot of people who have taken a very active approach to training and competence. There is a whole raft of CPD events put on by the CII at the College of Insurance in Sevenoaks, and in the City of London."

Despite the success of new exams and overseas expansion, Dr Bland is candid about past errors. The regulatory system is one. Solicitors combine examinations, professional standards and discipline under one umbrella, the Law Society, while the insurance industry has been monitored by a host of regulators."The institute did not address that properly at the time. But nobody is going to unwind the Insurance Brokers Registration Act or the Financial Services Act. We need to have a suitable *modus vivendi*, with consumer protection remaining with the regulators, and the CII vetting a person's fitness to practise," he says.

But the biggest tribute to the CII comes from its members. Few professional organisations can point to 80 local institutes, most of which are very active and central to the new focus on professional development, offering seminars and courses on technical issues.

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# Proud to follow this chartered course

### Insurers are seeking to improve their public status, says **Stephen Womack**

TONY WHITE

Philip Rhodes, left, current president of the CII, and Bryan Kellett, the next president

Doctors proudly add the title Dr to their name when they qualify. Ask a qualified accountant how he or she earns a living and the answer is likely to be: "I'm a chartered accountant". But ask an insurance professional and it is rare to hear the answer: "I'm a chartered insurer". Yet more than 20,000 people in Britain have earned the chartered title and thousands more could use it.

Becoming a chartered insurer is not easy; you have to pass a rigorous course of exams and then commit to a continuous programme of professional development and education to keep it. Yet, according to Philip Rhodes, president of the Chartered Insurance Institute for the past year, the value of this work is not always recognised — both within the industry and by the public. "The message that has not come across is that professionalism should carry pride with it. Being a chartered insurer means something and I want to hear people saying it as naturally as accountants say 'I am a chartered accountant'."

Bryan Kellett, who is due to be confirmed tomorrow as the next CII president, agrees that there needs to be "more awareness of professional qualifications. And we need to let the public know of other ways in which we are raising professional standards."

Both men see qualified professionals forming an ever growing proportion of the insurance workforce. Changes in technology mean that the paper-pushing tasks which used to occupy so many in insurance are now done by computer.

The number employed in insurance has dropped by 100,000 in the past five years and those who are left must be able to demonstrate to their employer that they bring value to their firm.

"We think that by 2010 or 2020, a very high proportion of people in the industry will hold some form of professional qualification," says Mr Rhodes. Indeed, he concedes that in the next round of downsizing, professional qualifications may be a factor in deciding who keeps their job and who goes.

One of the duties of the CII president is to remind those at the top of Britain's insurance companies of the role of professional staff. Mr Rhodes, a senior manager in General Accident, and Mr Kellett, who chairs Lloyd's underwriting agency Archer, are both well placed to speak to other top management as equals.

Promoting professional and qualified management is also important for Britain. Mr Kellett says: "British insurance companies are a big earner for the nation's balance of payments. Without the right quality of management you cannot be successful internationally and if you do not have the right people in-house you will not get it right." There is also the question of recruitment. "If the profile of insurance professionals is not right, you will not attract and recruit the brightest and the best."

Certain businesses seem to agree with him. Lloyd's of London, working to put the problems of the past behind it, now demands that all its underwriters hold the CII's Associateship qualification. General Accident, no doubt encouraged by Mr Rhodes, says that from 1999 its employees must hold at least that qualification to be promoted into or beyond its senior management teams.The CII is also doing its bit for Britain on the world stage. "We provide a world recognised structure of qualifications," says Mr Rhodes. "People are learning to do insurance the British way in places such as the Baltic states, China and Vietnam where the institute has been asked to go in to help out."

Looking to the future, he sees technology playing a more important role in helping people study from work, home or overseas. It might even be possible to use the Internet to examine people, rather than have the expense of running specialist exam centres, he says. The CII is also consulting its membership on the ways in which people attain the Fellowship, the highest qualification.

This move is aimed at enhancing the perceived value of chartered status. Mr Kellett says the Chartered Insurance Institute is hoping that its centenary year will give a major boost to both its activities and its public profile. But he stresses that: "The serious work of the institute goes on year after year."

● *Stephen Womack is editor of the weekly insurance paper* Post Magazine.

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**Stephen Womack** reports on how other parts of the globe are keen to conduct business the CII way

DUNCAN ATKINSON

Chartered Insurance Institute qualifications are in strong demand in Hong Kong and other former parts of the British Empire. Elsewhere, an Anglo-Saxon business culture is desirable

# Worldwide demand for standards

Last week David Bland, director-general of the Chartered Insurance Institute, was in Moscow. Next week he goes to Poland. No, he is not on a tour of Eastern Europe, but his jet-setting is a reflection of the CII's growing presence internationally.

Historically, the CII's international activity was closely linked to that of UK insurers. The institute followed the companies, which in turn followed the British Empire. This explains the strong CII outposts in places such as Australia, Hong Kong and South Africa.

The world has now changed, and hence the presence of Dr Bland in Moscow. Together with the CII's international division director, Diana Morriss, he was formalising plans to open a CII exam centre in Moscow as a joint venture with the city's Finance Academy. In Poland, Dr Bland will award certificates to the first students to qualify in a local exam that the CII has developed with Polish insurance organisations.

Why are people in these nations bothered about CII qualifications? Ms Morriss says: "In the developed nations it is because they feel that the CII can give them worldwide recognition for the work that they have done, either by accrediting their local exams or by sitting the institute exams directly. In developing economies, which have infant insurance markets and little local training, it seems that CII is the one choice."

While the CII will allow overseas students to take its British exams, elements of these are often meaningless in that student's home market. Hence the CII looks to forge joint ventures with local insurance bodies, either vetting and endorsing local exams, or tailoring its own exams to local conditions.

UK insurers are increasingly aware of the international battle for favour. The Chartered Insurance Institute, together with Sun Alliance, has just launched a joint education programme in China. It is no coincidence that Sun Alliance, now part of Royal & Sun Alliance, would dearly love to be granted a licence to trade in China. Other UK firms are looking to do similar things.

It is not just companies that are keen to sponsor training in developing markets. Governments are too. Together with partners from France and Germany, the CII is running an educational initiative in Vietnam. Eight UK insurance professionals are lecturing on insurance issues under the banner of the Vietnamese Ministry of Finance. Advances in technology should help the CII to develop its international links further still. The Internet will allow it to deliver course material and training packages to distant nations more cost effectively.

Exploratory contacts are already under way with insurance organisations in Colombia and Argentina. Soon, no corner of the globe will be without the CII's guidance.

## INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

BRADFORD-BORN Mark Pollard has spent the last ten years working in insurance in Italy.

For the past three he has been part of a blossoming joint venture between the CII and Italian insurance organisation IFA. The venture lets Italian nationals study for CII qualifications, which have been tailored for their own market and part translated.

Mr Pollard, a Fellow of the Institute, explains that some parts of the CII's associateship exam are unsuitable for insurance professionals in Italy. "Papers on UK insurance law are of little use to someone here, where the law derives from the Napoleonic code." Yet other professional skills cross borders without difficulty. "Property insurance is a good example," he says. "If a building burns down, it does not matter what language it burns in."

There are currently nearly 70 students taking the course, with the first person close to achieving the associate grade.

CII qualifications are no pushover and require plenty of hard study. Why do Italian students bother? Mr Pollard says business in Italy is becoming increasingly professional and the job market more competitive."The exams are seen as a way of acquiring an Anglo-Saxon business culture, which has something of a cachet here."

Phillip Pettersen admits to having "found" the institute's qualifications relatively late in life. He only started studying for exams in 1987, but has raced through them and has now qualified as a fellow, the highest grade. Mr Pettersen runs Forbes Re, a Johannesburg-based reinsurance brokerage. Reinsurance, the process where insurers insure themselves, is a global business. Mr Pettersen finds that the letters FCII — Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute — on his business card are recognised the world over.

South Africa has its own insurance institute. Its exams are recognised by the CII in London, putting South African insurance professionals well on the road to the passport of CII qualifications.

Although a late starter, Mr Pettersen says that the CII's associateship qualification is now the minimum he looks for when recruiting staff. He says it is a guarantee of quality. He also feels that widely-recognised qualifications "will go some way to restoring the image of insurance as a quality profession."

# What professionalism means to the clients

THE importance of the chartered status and the perception of professionalism it brings are emphasised in the findings of independent research carried out on behalf of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

A survey, among 101 senior business professionals across a broad section of industries, showed that six out of ten felt a greater sense of confidence dealing with chartered individuals and that 67 per cent believed companies that employed chartered people were more reputable.

The respondents thought that professionalism brought with it competence, experience, commitment, skills and standards, and seven out of ten believed that examinations made employees more professional. Medicine (76 per cent), law (54 per cent) and accountancy (53 per cent) were felt to be the sectors most associated with the term "professional".

The research found that work-related examinations are considered key to an employee's career structure by nine out of ten respondents — only 3 per cent claiming that examinations make no difference to employee's career.

Two thirds believed that to encourage employees to take examinations, companies could pay exam fees and give time off to study. The underlying feeling, however, was that support should be given only if there was a perceived benefit to the company.

Fewer than half those questioned were aware of chartered status within the insurance industry, but 62 per cent believed the industry would be enhanced by chartered status.

The researchers also conducted interviews with ten insurance professionals which showed that there was a strong shift towards the taking of the exam leading to associateship level of the CII as a prerequisite before even applying for a position. For the most part, ACII exams were considered at least very desirable and at most a necessity.

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**Chris Wheal** on how insurance qualifications may soon rival accountants' and lawyers' exams

# Laying a claim to fame

DES JENSON

Simon Henderson is typical of the CII's new blood

Bryan Kellett, next year's CII president, has one of those Toblerone-shaped blocks of wood on his desk but, instead of having his name etched on it, the words embossed in gold read: "No accountants."

Turn it round and you get: "No solicitors." Joking aside, Mr Kellett admits that his aim is for the public to rank insurance professionals alongside solicitors and accountants. The institute is well on the way.

Mr Kellett and the CII's current president, Philip Rhodes, can both be described as self-made men. Both left school and, apart from their national service, started as gofors and ended up as captains of their industry. Both chose to take the CII exams, in part at least, to demonstrate their knowledge through qualification. The new recruits to insurance have very different reasons for choosing the CII. They are already graduates and are seeking professional status and a career boost through the CII exams.

Simon Henderson is typical of the CII's new blood. He is assistant director at Sedgewick Risk Benefits and, at 28, is already a Chartered Insurance Practitioner. "A lot of the jobs you see now want the ACII qualification. Even Lloyd's is taking on the ACII as important. If you look around, a lot of the newer people are interested in it. It's the graduates who realise that qualifications are important. It's a way of fast-tracking." Mr Henderson also has Institute of Risk Management qualifications. He left City University in 1989 after studying economics and thought his maths and statistics background would be useful in underwriting insurance.

"A lot of my friends did accountancy and I didn't want to do that," he says. "I didn't grow up wanting to work in insurance but I could see a good career developing."

He started in financial services, joining Sedgewick's graduate recruitment scheme and beginning with the CII's Financial Planning Certificate. "The easiest way to understand what everybody was talking about was to study," he adds. He then went on to start the Advanced FPC but switched to the wholesale broking business and used his AFPC exams as credits towards his ACII qualification. And it is not going to stop there. He says he is going to become a Fellow of the CII, and he will not be alone. His wife Janet is also ACII qualified though she is a Chartered Insurer.

Fiona Tredray, 27, is different. She is a business development consultant with Norwich Union, working in personal lines of insurance and managing the accounts of all the agents in her area. She works from the company's Croydon office but covers Guildford and is rarely in the office, instead working from home and her car phone. She took a degree in history at Exeter University, graduating in 1990. Her father is an insurance broker so she had a good idea about the industry and liked the business, too.

Fiona Tredray: consultant

"I knew you had a wide range of careers in insurance. I wanted to work for a big company and I wanted to get into the old inspector's role,"she says. She applied to several companies and had a few offers to choose from.

Norwich Union put her through a trainee inspector programme. It also insisted on her taking the ACII exams. She is well aware that the CII exams are highly regarded within the industry, with certificates on the office walls wherever she goes. But there is still a problem with public perception. "The ACII is widely recognised within the industry and that's what we are trying to bring to the public," she says.

Mr Henderson believes there is still some way to go. "It's recognised within the industry but if I go up to someone in the street and say I've got an ACII they say 'that's nice. What colour is it?'"

Mr Kellett is determined to use the CII centenary year to win that public relations battle. Then maybe his wooden block can have "No insurers" written on it.

# From a talking shop to a profession

The institute has continuously raised industry standards, says **Grant Ringshaw**

As the Chartered Insurance Institute enters its centenary year, it seems that some things never change. Professionalism in the insurance industry has never been a more crucial issue.

But the fledgeling organisation formed in 1896, then dubbed the Federation of Insurance Institutes of Great Britain, was more a talking shop for the fire insurance business. A century later, the CII has 70,000 members and affiliations with more than 50 institutes worldwide.

Today its members face very different professional challenges. Technology and cutthroat 1990s competition have radically altered the insurance business. Companies like Direct Line, with slick call centres and clever marketing have made general insurance products such as motor and buildings insurance commodity products sold on price.

This first attack launched in the early 1990s has been followed by telephone sales of life insurance products such as term assurance. Telephone-based direct sellers, such as Virgin Direct are also making in-roads into more complex products such as pensions.

The image of the insurance industry has also been battered by the fiasco at Lloyd's after heavy losses in the early 1990s, and the £2 billion to £5 billion scandal of mis-selling of pensions to consumers advised to opt out or transfer from company schemes.

So how does the traditional insurance company and CII hit back? Apparently by sticking to its guns, raising professional standards and offering specialist advice.

CII press manager Steve Radford says: "When you look at the insurance and financial services industry, you have to say that the public image is not that healthy. But we want to ensure that the public recognise that there are people who have got qualifications to very high levels."

Surprisingly, education and professionalism were not top of the agenda 100 years ago — the federation was born out of the merger of a loose federation and provincial institutes.

Years of infighting over membership eligibility and threats by the London institute to quit delayed the granting of a Royal charter, and the formation of the CII, to 1912.

Similar concerns were raised back in 1916 by former CII president H.E. Wilson. Wilson summed up the industry's image by quoting a photographer looking for a job for his son: "He hasn't enough brains for a photographer, but we thought he might do for an insurance office."

Despite slow beginnings, the CII has managed to maintain a central role, widening membership and taking over competing organisations.

After the Second World War, a substantial part of the CII's work was tidying up exams for associateship and fellowship status which each involved nearly 100 courses.

But the CII's history has not been without its problems. In the mid 1960s membership fell heavily as new computer systems resulted in mass redundancies.

A revival began in 1984 with an influx of members from the Lloyd's market after the CII finally decided to reintroduce marine studies into the Associateship exam. The Society of Fellows was formed in 1986 after concerns that fully qualified members should keep their knowledge up-to-date through research.

So is the CII an academic and elitist organisation? Such charges are vigorously denied. As clerical staff numbers rose, the CII attempted to meet their needs by launching the Certificate of Proficiency in 1987 in partnership with Lloyd's and other bodies.

Subsidiaries have been created to cope with CII's sprawling and diverse membership needs. The Society of Technicians in Insurance is aimed at junior management, while the Society of Financial Advisers (Sofa), set up in 1991 concentrates on financial services.

But the biggest strain on professional standards in life insurance have emerged in the past ten years following the 1986 Financial Services Act. Financial advisers must meet new Personal Investment Authority competence requirements by July 1997.

Just two months ago, Sofa and the CII announced plans to allow financial advisers to call themselves chartered financial planners — a major step that would put financial advisers on a par with other professions.

New markets have also created new demands — this year CII teamed up with Bupa to develop the first exam for the growing Private Medical Insurance sector.

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GOLF

# Montgomerie and Lehman aim to reap late harvest

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN DUBLIN

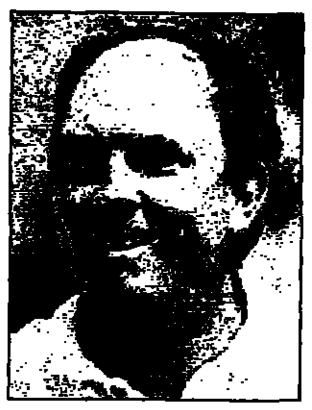
AUTUMN is a bountiful season and Tom Lehman and Colin Montgomerie are just two golfers who are using the months of September and October to reap a harvest from their good golf earlier in the year. This time last year, Lehman made his first appearance in the Smurfit European Open after being one of the strong men in the defeated United States Ryder Cup team the previous week. Wide-eyed and corduroy-trousered, and accompanied by his father, he cut a warm and sympathetic figure around the K Club, 18 miles southwest of Dublin.

Now he is back at the K Club again. This time, though, he is the reigning Open champion, with the distinction of being one of the few men to have received two £200,000 cheques from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, organisers of the Open. It happened like this.

"My cheque for winning the Open was delivered to a street four blocks away from where I live," Lehman said. "Somebody thought it was his lucky day. It was returned and I think it sat in the post office for a while."

Lehman, meanwhile, had realised the cheque had not been paid into his account, his manager contacted the R & A and a replacement was sent off. "Then somebody in the post office said 'I know where that guy lives' and it was delivered to me. It arrived the same day as the replacement. It worked out well because I was able to frame one cheque and cash the other."

A lot has happened to Lehman since July, including a slew of invitations for him to compete in events in Morocco, the World Cup, the Million-Dollar Challenge in South Africa, the World Match Play Championship and the Alfred Dunhill Cup. He declined all but the event in South Africa and the matchplay.


Lehman: busy summer

Then there were letters, more than 1,000 of them, some from overseas. "They said nice things, like what a popular champion I was, and that made me feel good. To have European fans say those things was nice."

Montgomerie is in the middle of a marathon run of events as he attempts to capture the Order of Merit for the fourth successive year and cashes in on some of the lucrative tournaments that are staged in the last months of the golfing year. He may have started the year slowly, as he waited at home for the birth of his second child, but he is more than making up for it now. This is his fifth event in as many weeks and he will compete in five more before he has a week off.

Montgomerie is so consistent that, year in year out, he has been the man to beat in Europe. This time last year, he was locked in a titanic struggle with Sam Torrance and, having started the week £30,000 behind Torrance, he raced past the Scot to lead by £30,000 after finishing third here behind Bernhard Langer and Barry Lane.

For Torrance in 1995, read Ian Woosnam in 1996. The difference is that Montgomerie is £141,547.42 ahead of Woosnam and the title should be his, even though he is competing in fewer events this year than last. "Ian is obviously good enough to win," Montgomerie said, "but, if I play my usual consistent golf, I should be OK. Realistically speaking, the title should be mine."

Even for someone as rich as Montgomerie, whose earnings must have exceeded £2 million in 1995, money is a considerable imperative. His total prize-money in Europe, accumulated since he turned professional in 1987, could pass £5 million this week. Only Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer have won more. "It sounds a lot," Montgomerie said, before adding: "It is an awful lot."

# Hamburg offers hope for Europe quartet

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOUR of Europe's leading women golfers are attempting to shake off the depression of defeat in the Solheim Cup by winning the German Open, which begins in Hamburg today.

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, from France, Dale Reid, of Scotland, and the English pair, Lisa Hackney and Joanne Morley, were in the Europe side heavily beaten by the United States at St Pierre, Chepstow, last weekend.

Reid, who broke par in three of the four rounds in Germany last year, has recaptured the form that has earned her 21 Tour victories. "My putting has improved since Mickey Walker [the Europe captain] gave me a lesson three weeks ago," Reid, who finished fifth in the European Open and sixth in the English Open two weeks ago, said.

Rachel Hetherington, of Australia, defends the title — her first on the women's Tour — that she won last year with the help of a course-record 64.

☐ Tiger Woods, who is trying to earn a place on the US PGA Tour, has withdrawn from the Buick Challenge tournament at Pine Mountain, Georgia, this week.

DES JENSON

The Princess Royal, right, the president, with Neil Townshend, the vice-chairman, at the BOA meeting yesterday

# Athletes demand money for medals

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BRITAIN'S elite competitors want to be paid money for winning medals at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. The revolutionary proposal will be discussed next week by the British Olympic Association (BOA) when it carries out a two-day debriefing of the failure in Atlanta, where the team won only one gold medal, Britain's worst performance since 1952.

The suggestion is included in a 12-point strategy document prepared by Kevin Hickey, the BOA technical officer, who interviewed competitors in Atlanta, where Britain secured a total of 16 medals.

The framework document proposes that, for winning a gold medal, a British athlete would receive £20,000. It has still to be decided whether the money would come from the BOA or through the National Lottery. However, several leading figures who attended the association's annual general meeting in London yesterday are opposed to the suggestion. Dick Palmer, *chef de mission* in Atlanta, said: "I think this proposal would be indigestible for British sport. I certainly think there should be incentives for competitors to continue taking part in the Games. For instance, after 1992, Steve Redgrave should certainly have been given more support for the following four years, and I would like to see him given money now to persuade him to continue rowing until 2000."

In recent years, Redgrave has only received direct funding of £15,000 from the Sports Aid Foundation, which is privately funded through donations, although he has also enjoyed several sponsorships.

Hickey said: "I personally find this suggestion uncomfortable. However, the competitors in Atlanta are from a different era and you have got to move with the times."

Britain is one of the few leading sporting nations that does not have a "cash-for-medals" policy. France, which won 15 gold medals in Atlanta, awards £35,000 for a gold medal, £20,000 for a silver and £15,000 for a bronze. Italy is even more generous, with gold medal-winners getting £30,000, plus £60,000 for a pension scheme that competitors can withdraw after they are 45.

The document, *The BOA's Athlete Performance Strategy to 2000*, also details other far-reaching proposals. They include "guaranteed realistic lifestyle support for agreed athletes over a full Olympic cycle" and "enhanced Sports Council funding on squad and international fixtures, set against negotiated performance indicators". Palmer said: "Sports have now realised that they have to send athletes who are more competitive."

The proposal got a mixed response last night from former Olympic medal-winners. Chris Brasher, the 1956 steeplechase champion, said: "You need proper funding first for the competitors, but rewarding medallists might be part of the package."

Adrian Metcalfe, the 1964 silver medal-winner in the 4 x 400 metres relay, said: "You can't buy Olympic medals. I do not think I would have trained harder if I had been offered £50,000." Dominic Mahony, who was a member of the modern pentathlon team that finished third at the 1988 Olympics, said: "I never needed a cash incentive but now so many countries are doing it, I don't feel strongly against it."

SNOOKER

# O'Sullivan feasting on slimline tonic

BY PHIL YATES

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN may have ambitions to run a marathon but, as he again displayed in reaching the quarter-finals of the Regal Scottish Masters at Motherwell yesterday, he sprints around the table with unparalleled fluency.

Even though he was not at his inspirational best, he needed only 95 minutes to defeat Darren Morgan 5-3. It was the fifth time in as many meetings that the former United Kingdom champion has beaten Morgan, who is one of his great advocates.

"Ronnie is the most gifted player ever to lift a cue and, if he gets his head down, he could become the greatest player ever," Morgan said.

O'Sullivan appears to have arrived at the long-overdue realisation that natural ability is, in isolation, insufficient to achieve consistent success. To this end, he is practising more diligently than ever and has embarked on an extensive fitness drive.

"I am trying to do things properly at the moment and that includes my general conditioning," O'Sullivan said. "I've lost three stones during the summer and I'm running anything between four and eight miles during a [fitness] session."

While he has been frustrated that a bout of influenza has prevented him from pounding the roads for the past ten days, there has been little to generate feelings of annoyance in terms of the quality of snooker that he has produced this season and the results that have followed.

O'Sullivan arrived at this tournament with his confidence high after capturing the Asian Classic in Bangkok 11 days ago. Now, consolidation is the primary objective and, against Morgan, there was nothing to suggest that the completion of a second success is beyond him.

As always, given O'Sullivan's attacking philosophy, Morgan was presented with his share of scoring opportunities. Errors were committed but they were far outweighed by O'Sullivan's extraordinary ability to make the game look preposterously easy.

O'Sullivan: gifted

He compiled a string of sizeable contributions but, if anything, it was the marginal opportunities he refused in favour of safety shots that will strike a degree of fear into the heart of any potential future opponent.

At last, it seems, O'Sullivan has seen the light.

"It's not the gifted players that do the most damage," he said. "I found out that dedication is the big thing and I'm a lot more focused at present than I was last season."

O'Sullivan won the first frame when Morgan went in-off the final black, led 2-0 after the Welshman had squandered a couple of openings in the next and moved 3-1 ahead with a 50 break in the fourth that was launched by a raking long red.

The carelessness that has plagued O'Sullivan throughout his career briefly reared its head when he missed a straightforward yellow off its spot on the threshold of fashioning a clearance for 4-1. If that blunder annoyed him, it was impossible to tell as he swiftly accounted for the next frame with runs of 57 and 55.

Morgan recovered stubbornly to trail 4-3 before O'Sullivan extended his unbeaten start to the new campaign to six matches with a break of 104. It was another performance that served to soften the harsh memory of O'Sullivan's disgraceful physical assault on an official at the Embassy world championship this year.

O'Sullivan, who is, in the opinion of many, lucky to be serving only a one-year suspended ban for that gross disciplinary infringement, today meets Peter Ebdon, who beat him 16-14 in the semi-finals at the Crucible five months ago to end O'Sullivan's hopes of superseding Stephen Hendry as the youn-

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand from the final of this year's trials for the team to represent the United States in the Olympiad. The match was won by the Chicago team, headed by Larry Robbins.

Dealer North Game all IMPs Teams

North:
♠A Q
♥K 10 6 3 2
♦K 2
♣A K J 9

West:
♠9 8 7 5 3
♥9 5
♦A Q 8 6 4 3
♣—

East:
♠K J 4
♥Q J 8 4
♦5
♣10 8 7 6 3

South:
♠10 6 2
♥A 7
♦J 10 9 7
♣Q 5 4 2

| W | N | E | S |
|---|---|---|---|
| — | 1 H | Pass | 1 NT |
| 2 H | 3 NT | Double | All Pass |

Contract: 3 NT doubled, by South Lead: six of diamonds

There is a lot to be said for opening Two No-trumps rather than One Heart on the North hand; North would like the lead to come up to him.

After South's 1 NT response the West players at both tables bid Two Hearts to show spades and a minor, both Norths jumped to Three No-trumps, and both Easts doubled. That strongly suggested East had spade values, a suit that West had shown by inference. At one table Lew Stansby as North for Deutsch's team decided to escape to Four Clubs, and made ten tricks.

When North stood his ground at the table where Zia Mahmood was West, the critical issue was whether Zia would treat the double as a command for a spade lead, or just a helpful piece of advice. Zia, not for the first time in his life, felt that he knew best, and that the evidence of his own diamond suit should be the deciding factor. Who can say that this was wrong? Well, the result could, I suppose.

On the lead of the nine of spades the defence would have had the upper hand. On a diamond lead Robbins rose with the king and played a second diamond. Zia won with the queen and shifted to the nine of hearts — a spade at that point would have held declarer to nine tricks. Zia finally led a spade when in with the ace of diamonds. Rosenberg (East) won his king of spades and played another spade, and eventually got embarrassingly squeezed in the majors for an overtrick and -950.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BASTINADO
a. A South American fruit
b. Foot-slogging
c. An Andalusian brigand

GNOSIS
a. Intuition
b. The sense of smell

COCCYX
a. A snafu
b. The bottom vertebra
c. Ancient Greek dice game

REFOCILLATION
a. Refreshment
b. Growing secondary leaves
c. The kiss of life

## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Chess for Charity

This afternoon I shall be giving a chess display in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Appeal for St John's Ambulance. I will be playing against 25 willing volunteers at the Bishopsgate Institute, Liverpool Street, London EC2 in the City of London at 4pm. If you wish to support the venture, or spectate, further details are available from Martyn Porter (tel 0171-260 8302).

### Olympiad results

In the eighth round of the chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia, England drew 2-2 with Croatia. Matthew Sadler won for England but Julian Hodgson, the former British champion, playing his first game for the team in this tournament, lost. Russia leads with 23½ points out of 32. England share ninth place with 19½.

### Prodigy's win

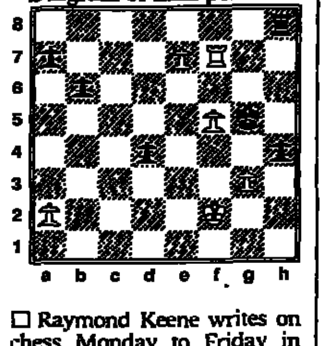
Etienne Bacrot, 13, has scored a most remarkable upset, defeating Vassily Smyslov, 75, the former world champion, by 5-1 in a set match. It is impossible to claim that Smyslov is in decline or out of form, since he performed excellently in the Foxtrot tournament in London last month and went on to capture first prize in the Veteran's tournament in Groningen.

**White:** Etienne Bacrot
**Black:** Vassily Smyslov
France, September 1996

Nimzo-Indian Defence

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | d4 | Nf6 |
| 2 | c4 | e6 |
| 3 | Nc3 | Bb4 |
| 4 | Qc2 | d5 |
| 5 | cxd5 | exd5 |
| 6 | Bg5 | h6 |
| 7 | Bh4 | g5 |
| 8 | Bg3 | Ne4 |
| 9 | e3 | h5 |
| 10 | f3 | Bxc3+ |
| 11 | bxc3 | Nxg3 |
| 12 | hxg3 | Nd7 |
| 13 | Kf2 | Nf6 |
| 14 | Rb1 | b6 |
| 15 | c4 | c6 |
| 16 | cxd5 | cxd5 |
| 17 | Bb5+ | Kf8 |
| 18 | Ne2 | Kg7 |
| 19 | Rb3 | Be6 |
| 20 | Ba6 | Qd6 |
| 21 | Rc3 | Rae8 |
| 22 | Qc1 | Bd7 |
| 23 | e4 | dxe4 |
| 24 | Qxg5+ | Kf8 |
| 25 | Re3 | exf3 |
| 26 | Rxe8+ | Kxe8 |
| 27 | gxf3 | Rg8 |
| 28 | Qe5+ | Qxe5 |
| 29 | dxe5 | Nd5 |
| 30 | Bc4 | Be6 |
| 31 | Nd4 | Rh8 |
| 32 | Nxe6 | fxe6 |
| 33 | Bxd5 | exd5 |
| 34 | f4 | Kf7 |
| 35 | f5 | d4 |
| 36 | Rc1 | Kg7 |
| 37 | Rc7+ | Kh6 |
| 38 | Rf7 | Kg5 |
| 39 | e6 | h4 |
| 40 | e7 | Black resigns |

Diagram of final position



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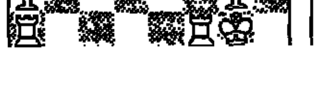
## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Staunton — Amateur, London 1845. White is a piece and three pawns down and so needs immediate and dramatic action. What is the best way forwards?



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SAILING

# Golding lines up challenge laced with recrimination

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Chay Blyth's first pay-as-you-go round-the-world race was staged four years ago, there was plenty of broken gear and one significant fault in a forestay fitting on every boat. This eventually cost one its entire rig and almost brought down the mast on seven others.

This time, Andrew Roberts, the project director for the BT Global Challenge and Blyth's chief rulemaker for the boats, has been more careful than ever to ensure that the 14 identical 67ft steel cutters are up to the task of going to windward through the Southern Ocean.

Yet, with the event starting on the eastern Solent on Sunday, Blyth is already predicting a lot more breakages this time round than last. "The biggest single thing which is becoming crystal clear is that there is going to be a lot of damage," he said as 12 of the 14 skippers in the race assembled at Ocean Village in Southampton yesterday. "This time everyone's focusing on the race aspect. Gone are the days when it was more of an adventure. There's a lot of tension in the air."

As if to illustrate his point, the skippers are bickering over the kind of detail that simply would not have arisen during the first race. The issue is whether or not boats are allowed Spectra, an extremely strong lacing through the guardrails on the pulpit around the bow. This is an arcane matter. Mike Golding, on *Group 4*, is using Spectra but everyone else believes it is illegal under class rules and they are using weaker polyester. The others say he should remove it, since it could be used as a lightweight spinnaker sheet in the Doldrums.

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Golding, who has been round the world westabout once in the first race and then again on his own, and thus "knows the track", says he cannot believe how petty it has become and claims he has been picked on. "I'm refusing to change it," he said. "Really, everyone's been looking for things on *Group 4*, but that's because they copy all our ideas. Psychologically, a lot of them [skippers] have lost the race before it has even started — they are clutching at straws."

Roberts will have to adjudicate at some stage between now and Sunday on this and probably a few other last-minute details. Everyone involved — skippers and crew — are now raring to go after what, for some, has been more than two years of preparation.

Apart from Golding on *Group 4*, the other fancied boats include *Nuclear Electric*, skippered by Richard Tudor, and *Commercial Union*, under Richard Merriweather, neither of whom turned up yesterday.

Tudor was at the helm of *British Steel II* last time when it lost its rig and now feels *that* he has "unfinished business" to attend to, while Merriweather took over as skipper of *Commercial Union* after its crew mutinied during the first leg last time and then did well, especially on the last leg, when he led for most of the way.

CYCLING

# Stage victory elevates Konyshev

DIMITRI KONYSHEV'S victory in the eighteenth stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday put him among the elite riders who have won stages in the world's three leading tours: those of France, Italy and Spain (Peter Bryan writes).

He was one of four riders to go clear after 97 kilometres of the 222-kilometre stage — the longest of the tour — from Benasque to Zaragoza. None of them presented a serious challenge to Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, the overall leader. Konyshev was the highest-

started the comparatively flat stage in 54th position.

With Bo Hamburger, of Denmark, Gianni Bugno and Paolo Valoti, both of Italy, all sharing the pace, Konyshev's compact group initially built a lead of 3¼ minutes but, with the main field showing a surprising degree of lethargy, their advantage increased to 12½ minutes as the race entered the final 75 kilometres.

Eventually, the chasers settled down into a constructive pursuit which reduced the time gap to five minutes at the

kilometre from the line but Konyshev, whose sprinting skills won him the world championship silver medal in 1989, produced a winning burst to claim the stage victory.

Zülle and some of his squad were reported last night to have suffered stomach upsets for the last two days but, with first and second places overall, the ONCE team should be able to maintain its superiority to the finish of the 3,900km race in Madrid on Sunday.

# Late wickets for Millns secures fantasy crown

Peter Stewart, right, is congratulated by Micky Stewart

**Simon Wilde** discovers the secrets of Interactive Team Cricket success — a careful watch on form, and old-fashioned luck

PETER STEWART, the winner of *The Times* Interactive Team Cricket game, returned yesterday to Lord's, where he worked for four years, to collect his first prize of £10,000 from Micky Stewart, the former England manager. His winning entry lay in fourth place when the final round of matches began last week but had sneaked ahead of the rest of the field by 37 points when the season closed on Sunday evening.

Stewart, 31, invested many hours in monitoring the fortunes of his numerous entries and transferring players. He followed the progress of games in the sports pages of *The Times*, on radio and teletext, and drew up charts to help him change personnel minutes before the 6pm deadlines each Monday.

"I thought I had blown my chances when I left Andrew Caddick out of my winning team for the last round of championship games and then saw him take ten wickets," Stewart said yesterday. "I had lost a bit of faith in him after he missed a championship match at Canterbury and was then inexplicably left out of the Oval Test match by England.

"But several other players came up trumps for me in the last round, such as Gooch, Robin Smith, Simmons, Ramprakash and Millns, whose four wickets on the morning after Leicestershire celebrated winning the title were vital. Even so, I would have done better to leave my team as it was. My final set of transfers was the only one that cost me points."

Fortunately for the winner, his nearest rivals fared even more badly over the closing days of the season. Both of the second and third-placed selectors led the competition at some stage in the last few weeks.

"It was so close in the end that I feel very fortunate to have won," Stewart said. "One or two wickets here or there for a particular bowler and it could have been totally different."

The most regular members of Stewart's winning team, Spread Eaglets 3rd XI, were Gooch, Smith and Nixon. He dropped the last-named for the last round of fixtures, as he thought Karl Krikken, Derbyshire's wicketkeeper, would do better against Durham than Nixon, of Leicestershire, would against Middlesex. He was right.

Stewart usually dropped players if they were chosen for England, on the basis that runs and wickets are harder to come by in internationals. He frequently took advantage of the chance to transfer up to two players each week, fielding 35 men during the course of the summer.

Stewart, a history graduate living in Muswell Hill, north London, worked as a steward at Lord's for four years until 1992, when he went to Florida to coach tennis. There he developed myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), which has kept him out of work since, though he hopes to resume coaching soon. He played as a batsman for Nottingham University and Alexandra Park, and follows Middlesex.

He may use his prize to watch England play in New Zealand this winter. He also received £500 worth of Kent & Curwen cricket clothes and a complete Sky Sports satellite package, courtesy of PACE. Second place went to Mr P. Schofield, of Bolton, and third to Mr J. Eaton, of Brentwood, Essex, both of whom receive Kent & Curwen clothing and Sky Sports packages in addition to cash prizes of £500 and £250 respectively.

Mr Eaton also won the fourth-place prize, and Mr N. Kalb, of London, was fifth. They both receive Kent & Curwen clothing and Sky Sports packages. The final manager-of-the-month award went to Mr D. J. Hornsby, of Kingston, Surrey.

## THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

| Pos | Team (Player's name) | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Spread Eaglets 3rd XI (P Stewart) | 21,031 |
| 2 | Scoffshire A (P Schofield) | 20,994 |
| 3 | Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton) | 20,864 |
| 4 | Eatons Goats (J Eaton) | 20,708 |
| 5 | Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb) | 20,633 |
| 6 | Eatons Goats 3 (J Eaton) | 20,456 |
| 7 | Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart) | 20,393 |
| 8 | Cornans Balls 2 (D Blackburn) | 20,375 |
| 9 | Hollioakes (M Ward) | 20,358 |
| 10 | Opportunists 3rd XI (P Stewart) | 20,321 |
| 11 | KP Allstars 3 (K R Patel) | 20,303 |
| 12 | Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart) | 20,235 |
| 13 | Wakering Wonders (D Brunt) | 20,192 |
| 14 | Heavens 5th XI (R J Wall) | 20,108 |
| 15 | O Danny Boys (D J Hornsby) | 20,107 |
| 16 | Teddy 3 (B Bear) | 20,093 |
| 17 | Caroline C (A Luckhurst) | 19,975 |
| 18 | The Run Rats (L Tattoo) | 19,967 |
| 19 | Bowled Marilyn (H Paul) | 19,952 |
| 20 | Cheadle High School (M Roberts) | 19,944 |
| 21 | Fred's Team (R Price) | 19,902 |
| 22 | Ataturks (P Stewart) | 19,806 |
| 23 | GB's First XI (G Brooks) | 19,803 |
| 24 | Eastbrook Wonders (P Rawlins) | 19,799 |
| 25 | Sandwich Stag (I Ellis) | 19,748 |
| 26 | The Ton Machine (N Kalb) | 19,735 |
| 27 | Taff's Tigers (J Short) | 19,705 |
| 28 | Silly Mid Wickets (J Tracy) | 19,699 |
| 29 | Ricardo's Marvels (R Williams) | 19,693 |
| 30 | Torridge Champs (C Hulbert) | 19,691 |
| 31 | Likely Lads (L Mellett) | 19,678 |
| 32 | Caroline D (A Lockhurst) | 19,663 |
| 33 | Thingy Bob (A Z A Ghani) | 19,661 |
| 34 | DJM 6 (D J Mead) | 19,652 |
| 35 | The Crofters (I Hunt) | 19,633 |
| 36 | Primeshire (C Holburt) | 19,557 |
| 37 | Caroline 1 (A Luckhurst) | 19,551 |
| 38 | Dave's Demonds (D Tattoo) | 19,546 |
| 39 | Kalb's Corkers 5 (N Kalb) | 19,542 |
| 40 | Otessey 4 (M Long) | 19,525 |
| 41 | Spike Thomas XI (T E Webb) | 19,523 |
| 42 | Pannal Beaters (J S Hutchinson) | 19,520 |
| 43 | Caroline A (A Luckhurst) | 19,519 |
| 44 | PJM 1 (P J Mead) | 19,456 |
| 45 | Oh Jiffy Six (M Long) | 19,405 |
| 46 | Stars Wars 3 (Z Ali) | 19,391 |
| 47 | The Tidy Boy's (M Woodley) | 19,371 |
| 48 | Charlie 3 (C Webb) | 19,322 |
| 49 | Barbret Rangers (J S Hutchinson) | 19,277 |
| 50 | Heavens Fourth XI (R J Wall) | 19,267 |
| 51 | Torridge Tops (C Hulbert) | 19,258 |
| 52 | Grasshoppers (S Timmins) | 19,248 |
| 53 | Jones Boys One (M L Jones) | 19,237 |
| 54 | Wig's Wonders (A Wigley-Jones) | 19,235 |
| 55 | The Islanders (G Evans) | 19,212 |
| 56= | Kim's Kavliers (K Dowsell) | 19,190 |
| 56= | Haye Bales Of A Time (J R Stanley) | 19,190 |
| 58 | Oakey Allstars 8 (S Roberts) | 19,185 |
| 59 | Flame Start (A Medlock) | 19,168 |
| 60 | MJS Team 1 (R Stent) | 19,163 |
| 61 | Sky's The Limit CC (K Sutton) | 19,150 |
| 62 | Mike's XI (N Evans) | 19,144 |
| 63 | Martina McBride (S Vale) | 19,133 |
| 64 | The Lynwood Lotties (D Tattoo) | 19,130 |
| 65 | Webbie's Wallies (A R Howse) | 19,127 |
| 66 | Jones XI Wonders (M Jaseja) | 19,109 |
| 67 | Odiffy 2 (M Long) | 19,099 |
| 68 | Willow Wanderers (P R Stewart) | 19,095 |
| 69 | Linda's Loosers (L Tattoo) | 19,094 |
| 70 | New York Dolls (Rae) | 19,090 |
| 71 | The Runwicks (J Davenport) | 19,080 |
| 72 | Must Be Pay Day (F Paneyl) | 19,072 |
| 73 | Tooting Caveners (N Redferne) | 19,064 |
| 74 | GT Old Boys (M A Trovell) | 19,056 |
| 75 | Johnson's First XI (R J Johnson) | 19,033 |
| 76 | Huntastic (A Frazer) | 19,027 |
| 77 | Six Hitters (N Merchant) | 19,025 |
| 78 | Early Birds 3 (M Whitley) | 19,008 |
| 79 | Breakfast Boys (J Goodman) | 18,993 |
| 80 | MCM (M Poswal) | 18,968 |
| 81 | Bertie's Allsorts 11 (B E Howes) | 18,967 |
| 82 | Kalb's Corkers 1 (N Kalb) | 18,960 |
| 83 | Webbie's Wombles (A R Howse) | 18,957 |
| 84 | Euthoria (J Thompson) | 18,953 |
| 85= | Teddy Two (B Bear) | 18,948 |
| 85= | Adiffy 1 (M Long) | 18,948 |
| 87= | The Spotted Dog (A Hibberd) | 18,947 |
| 87= | — (no name) | 18,947 |
| 89 | Maxie Walker's XI (A Wright) | 18,942 |
| 90 | I Have A Dream (M Squires) | 18,940 |
| 91 | MCKK Boys (A Z A Ghani) | 18,930 |
| 92 | DJM 4 (D J Mead) | 18,917 |
| 93 | Old Southgate XI (P Gregorolu) | 18,911 |
| 94 | Team Barnet (Milcocher) | 18,910 |
| 95 | Odissy Three (M Long) | 18,892 |
| 96 | Hannah's Heroes (A Potter) | 18,883 |
| 97= | Walsingham (M Peake) | 18,843 |
| 97= | Teddy Four (B Bear) | 18,843 |
| 99 | Amphetamine Kids (M Eves) | 18,834 |
| 100 | Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd) | 18,833 |

## INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by September 22. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**, Rising Stars in *italic*.

### Batsmen (001-135)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C J Adams (001) | 1742 | (145) | 0 | (0) | 1742 | (145) |
| G F Archer (002) | 918 | (183) | 3 | (3) | 978 | (243) |
| M A Atherton (003) | 963 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 983 | (0) |
| C W J Athey (004) | 1091 | (64) | 0 | (0) | 1091 | (64) |
| M Azharuddin (005) | 439 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 439 | (0) |
| R J Bailey (006) | 722 | (89) | 2 | (0) | 762 | (89) |
| K J Barnett (007) | 1456 | (20) | 12 | (0) | 1696 | (20) |
| M R Benson (008) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M G Bevan (009) | 1225 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 1305 | (0) |
| D J Bicknell (010) | 969 | (129) | 16 | (0) | 1289 | (129) |
| D A Blenkiron (011) | 328 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 428 | (0) |
| P D Bowler (012) | 1228 | (20) | 3 | (0) | 1288 | (20) |
| N E Briers (013) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A D Brown (014) | 555 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 555 | (0) |
| D Byas (015) | 933 | (21) | 0 | (0) | 933 | (21) |
| S L Campbell (016) | 1041 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 1061 | (0) |
| J D Carr (017) | 783 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 783 | (0) |
| M J Church (018) | 280 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 460 | (0) |
| P A Cottey (019) | 1543 | (75) | 4 | (0) | 1623 | (75) |
| G R Cowdrey (020) | 529 | (39) | 1 | (0) | 549 | (39) |
| J P Crawley (021) | 1102 | (73) | 0 | (0) | 1102 | (73) |
| C D Crowe (022) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R J Cunliffe (023) | 252 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 252 | (0) |
| T S Curtis (024) | 952 | (44) | 2 | (0) | 992 | (44) |
| J A Daley (025) | 477 | (68) | 0 | (0) | 477 | (68) |
| A J Dalton (026) | 37 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 37 | (0) |
| *R I Dawson (027)* | *141* | *(5)* | *1* | *(0)* | *161* | *(5)* |
| M P Dowman (028) | 337 | (41) | 2 | (0) | 377 | (41) |
| N H Fairbrother (029) | 1068 | (204) | 0 | (0) | 1068 | (204) |
| A Flintoff (030) | 2 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (0) |
| A Fordham (031) | 502 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 502 | (0) |
| D P Fulton (032) | 852 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 872 | (0) |
| J E R Gallian (033) | 1156 | (3) | 16 | (1) | 1476 | (23) |
| M W Gatting (034) | 901 | (31) | 0 | (0) | 901 | (31) |
| N A Gie (035) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G A Gooch (036) | 1944 | (195) | 2 | (0) | 1984 | (195) |
| K Greenfield (037) | 916 | (33) | 0 | (0) | 916 | (33) |
| A Habib (038) | 792 | (49) | 0 | (0) | 792 | (49) |
| J W Hall (039) | 330 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 330 | (0) |
| T H C Hancock (040) | 709 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 709 | (0) |
| R J Harden (041) | 676 | (94) | 1 | (0) | 696 | (94) |
| M E Harvey (042) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| A N Hayhurst (043) | 224 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 244 | (0) |
| G R Haynes (044) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D L Hemp (045) | 405 | (128) | 4 | (0) | 485 | (128) |
| G A Hick (046) | 1245 | (13) | 5 | (0) | 1345 | (13) |
| A J Hollioake (047) | 1522 | (14) | 12 | (1) | 1762 | (34) |
| N Hussain (048) | 1386 | (132) | 0 | (0) | 1386 | (132) |
| S Hutton (049) | 812 | (105) | 0 | (0) | 812 | (105) |
| **Ijaz Ahmed (050)** | 684 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 684 | (0) |
| **Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)** | 792 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 792 | (0) |
| S P James (052) | 1766 | (90) | 0 | (0) | 1766 | (90) |
| P Johnson (053) | 980 | (116) | 1 | (1) | 1000 | (136) |
| **D M Jones (054)** | 1502 | (148) | 9 | (0) | 1682 | (148) |
| **V Kambli (055)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M Keech (056) | 793 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 793 | (0) |
| W S Kendall (057) | 1045 | (125) | 2 | (2) | 1085 | (165) |
| *G J Kennis (058)* | 3 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 3 | (0) |
| W G Khan (059) | 738 | (38) | 0 | (0) | 738 | (38) |
| N V Knight (060) | 1196 | (136) | 0 | (0) | 1196 | (136) |
| J S Laney (061) | 1163 | (122) | 0 | (0) | 1163 | (122) |
| M N Lathwell (062) | 1224 | (94) | 1 | (0) | 1244 | (94) |
| **S G Law (063)** | 1545 | (92) | 14 | (3) | 1825 | (152) |
| D A Leatherdale (064) | 539 | (0) | 11 | (0) | 759 | (0) |
| N J Lenham (065) | 903 | (82) | 3 | (0) | 963 | (82) |
| J J B Lewis (066) | 238 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 238 | (0) |
| N J Llong (067) | 763 | (8) | 11 | (0) | 983 | (8) |
| G D Lloyd (068) | 1194 | (113) | 1 | (1) | 1214 | (133) |
| J I Longley (069) | 6 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 6 | (0) |
| M B Loye (070) | 1048 | (234) | 0 | (0) | 1048 | (234) |
| *M A Lynch (071)* | 553 | (54) | 0 | (0) | 553 | (54) |
| G I Macmillan (072) | 201 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 241 | (0) |
| *D L Maddy (073)* | 958 | (30) | 4 | (0) | 1038 | (30) |
| **S V Manjrekar (074)** | 540 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 540 | (0) |
| *M P Maynard (075)* | *1610* | *(131)* | *0* | *(0)* | *1610* | *(131)* |
| A McGrath (076) | 999 | (27) | 0 | (0) | 999 | (27) |
| *A A Metcalfe (077)* | 771 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 771 | (0) |
| J A Moles (078) | 923 | (70) | 0 | (0) | 923 | (70) |
| R R Montgomerie (079) | 1178 | (137) | 0 | (0) | 1178 | (137) |
| T M Moody (080) | 1427 | (60) | 37 | (2) | 2167 | (100) |
| H Morris (081) | 1665 | (159) | 0 | (0) | 1665 | (159) |
| J E Morris (082) | 429 | (5) | 0 | (0) | 429 | (5) |
| R S M Morris (083) | 195 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 195 | (0) |
| *M D Moxon (084)* | 961 | (57) | 0 | (0) | 961 | (57) |
| K Newell (085) | 234 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 254 | (0) |
| T J G O'Gorman (086) | 636 | (11) | 0 | (0) | 636 | (11) |
| D P Ostler (087) | 863 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 863 | (0) |
| J E Owen (088) | 499 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 499 | (0) |
| K A Parsons (089) | 408 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 448 | (0) |
| T L Penney (090) | 1295 | (93) | 0 | (0) | 1295 | (93) |
| P R Pollard (091) | 737 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 737 | (0) |
| J C Pooley (092) | 881 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 881 | (0) |
| P J Prichard (093) | 959 | (52) | 0 | (0) | 959 | (52) |
| M R Ramprakash (094) | 1441 | (149) | 3 | (0) | 1501 | (149) |
| J D Ratcliffe (095) | 494 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 594 | (0) |
| *D D J Robinson (096)* | *738* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *738* | *(0)* |
| P E Robinson (097) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R T Robinson (098) | 1302 | (39) | 0 | (0) | 1302 | (39) |
| A S Rollins (099) | 1101 | (73) | 0 | (0) | 1101 | (73) |
| M A Roseberry (100) | 744 | (3) | 0 | (0) | 744 | (3) |
| **Saeed Anwar (101)** | 1224 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 1224 | (0) |
| *O A Shah (102)* | *212* | *(9)* | *1* | *(0)* | *232* | *(9)* |
| N Shahid (103) | 535 | (2) | 6 | (0) | 655 | (2) |
| **Salim Malik (104)** | 450 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 470 | (0) |
| *D J Sales (105)* | *280* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *280* | *(0)* |
| N S Sidhu (106) | 171 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 171 | (0) |
| P V Simmons (107) | 1244 | (142) | 56 | (2) | 2384 | (182) |
| *A Singh (108)* | *718* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *718* | *(0)* |
| B F Smith (109) | 1243 | (14) | 0 | (0) | 1243 | (14) |
| R A Smith (110) | 1398 | (192) | 0 | (0) | 1398 | (192) |
| N J Speak (111) | 579 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 579 | (0) |
| M P Speight (112) | 514 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 514 | (0) |
| A J Stewart (113) | 966 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 966 | (0) |
| I J Sutcliffe (114) | 443 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 503 | (0) |
| A Symonds (115) | 1097 | (14) | 12 | (4) | 1337 | (94) |
| N R Taylor (116) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **S R Tendulkar (117)** | 707 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 727 | (0) |
| V P Terry (118) | 379 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 379 | (0) |
| G P Thorpe (119) | 1569 | (11) | 2 | (0) | 1609 | (11) |
| S P Titchard (120) | 939 | (48) | 1 | (1) | 959 | (68) |
| M E Trescothick (121) | 720 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 720 | (1) |
| T A Tweats (122) | 130 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 130 | (0) |
| M P Vaughan (123) | 1161 | (183) | 17 | (2) | 1501 | (223) |
| *M J Walker (124)* | *606* | *(11)* | *0* | *(0)* | *606* | *(11)* |
| T C Walton (125) | 302 | (64) | 2 | (1) | 342 | (84) |
| D M Ward (126) | 81 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 81 | (0) |
| T R Ward (127) | 1252 | (92) | 2 | (0) | 1292 | (92) |
| A P Wells (128) | 1206 | (2) | 0 | (0) | 1206 | (2) |
| R M S Weston (129) | 29 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 29 | (0) |
| W P C Weston (130) | 1389 | (24) | 0 | (0) | 1389 | (24) |
| G W White (131) | 652 | (126) | 0 | (0) | 652 | (126) |
| J J Whitaker (132) | 1093 | (89) | 0 | (0) | 1093 | (89) |
| *P R Whitaker (133)* | *535* | *(6)* | *10* | *(0)* | *735* | *(6)* |
| M G N Windows (134) | 443 | (16) | 0 | (0) | 443 | (16) |
| A J Wright (135) | 415 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 415 | (0) |

### All-rounders (150-203)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Aamir Sohail (150)** | 334 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 394 | (0) |
| *M W Alleyne (151)* | 887 | (23) | 54 | (3) | 1967 | (83) |
| I D Austin (152) | 437 | (0) | 22 | (0) | 877 | (0) |
| P Bainbridge (153) | 617 | (0) | 7 | (0) | 757 | (0) |
| *D R Brown (154)* | *671* | *(39)* | *40* | *(0)* | *1471* | *(39)* |
| M A Butcher (155) | 1604 | (2) | 7 | (0) | 1744 | (2) |
| C L Cairns (156) | 948 | (26) | 37 | (0) | 1688 | (26) |
| D J Capel (157) | 814 | (0) | 35 | (0) | 1514 | (0) |
| D G Cork (158) | 779 | (0) | 57 | (0) | 1919 | (0) |
| R D B Croft (159) | 647 | (5) | 76 | (3) | 2167 | (65) |
| K M Curran (160) | 1242 | (77) | 11 | (0) | 1462 | (77) |
| A Dale (161) | 690 | (23) | 12 | (5) | 930 | (123) |
| P A J DeFreitas (162) | 394 | (10) | 64 | (9) | 1674 | (190) |
| V C Drakes (163) | 649 | (2) | 50 | (3) | 1649 | (62) |
| M A Ealham (164) | 618 | (28) | 47 | (0) | 1558 | (28) |
| *S C Ecclestone (165)* | 334 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 334 | (0) |
| K P Evans (166) | 482 | (0) | 30 | (0) | 1082 | (0) |
| M A Feltham (167) | 14 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 94 | (0) |
| M V Fleming (168) | 855 | (21) | 18 | (0) | 1215 | (21) |
| A P Grayson (169) | 939 | (19) | 18 | (1) | 1299 | (39) |
| O D Gibson (170) | 449 | (0) | 20 | (0) | 849 | (0) |
| F A Griffith (171) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| **C L Hooper (172)** | 1287 | (6) | 26 | (0) | 1807 | (6) |
| R C Irani (173) | 1039 | (30) | 47 | (0) | 1979 | (30) |
| **A D Jadeja (174)** | 489 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 489 | (0) |
| K D James (175) | 738 | (0) | 30 | (0) | 1338 | (0) |
| B P Julian (176) | 759 | (80) | 61 | (1) | 1979 | (100) |
| J H Kallis (177) | 128 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 248 | (0) |
| S R Lampitt (178) | 658 | (29) | 54 | (2) | 1738 | (69) |
| S Lee (179) | 1300 | (126) | 40 | (4) | 2100 | (206) |
| *C C Lewis (180)* | 639 | (0) | 45 | (0) | 1539 | (0) |
| G W Mike (181) | 25 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 105 | (0) |
| *A C Morris (182)* | 189 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 269 | (0) |
| Mushtaq Ahmed (183) | 118 | (0) | 41 | (0) | 938 | (0) |
| D J Nash (184) | 15 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 35 | (0) |
| A L Penberthy (185) | 695 | (48) | 34 | (3) | 1315 | (108) |
| S M Pollock (186) | 606 | (0) | 42 | (0) | 1446 | (0) |
| D A Reeve (187) | 351 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 351 | (0) |
| G D Rose (188) | 408 | (0) | 50 | (0) | 1408 | (0) |
| *V S Solanki (189)* | 628 | (90) | 27 | (3) | 1368 | (150) |
| A W Smith (190) | 23 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 23 | (0) |
| N M K Smith (191) | 626 | (76) | 43 | (3) | 1486 | (136) |
| P A Smith (192) | 23 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 63 | (0) |
| J N Snape (193) | 277 | (0) | 23 | (0) | 737 | (0) |
| J P Stephenson (194) | 611 | (0) | 36 | (0) | 1331 | (0) |
| C M Tolley (195) | 306 | (11) | 14 | (0) | 586 | (11) |
| **Wasim Akram (196)** | 211 | (0) | 32 | (0) | 851 | (0) |
| M Watkinson (197) | 645 | (0) | 37 | (0) | 1385 | (0) |
| G Welch (198) | 210 | (4) | 34 | (1) | 890 | (24) |
| C M Wells (199) | 609 | (19) | 9 | (0) | 789 | (19) |
| V J Wells (200) | 1331 | (5) | 26 | (2) | 1851 | (45) |
| P N Weekes (201) | 1218 | (6) | 32 | (1) | 1858 | (26) |
| C White (202) | 949 | (66) | 37 | (1) | 1689 | (86) |
| J R Wileman (203) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |

### Wicketkeepers (225-256)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A N Aymes (225) | 801 | (67) | 45 | (4) | 1701 | (147) |
| R J Blakey (226) | 839 | (33) | 44 | (2) | 1719 | (73) |
| K R Brown (227) | 917 | (25) | 61 | (4) | 2137 | (105) |
| M Burns (228) | 345 | (85) | 18 | (1) | 705 | (105) |
| S P Griffiths (229) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| W K Hegg (230) | 713 | (14) | 55 | (2) | 1813 | (54) |
| P C L Holloway (231) | 535 | (0) | 7 | (1) | 675 | (20) |
| G J Kersey (232) | 402 | (0) | 46 | (0) | 1322 | (0) |
| J A Knott (233) | 52 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 112 | (0) |
| K M Krikken (234) | 882 | (29) | 67 | (4) | 2222 | (109) |
| *D G C Ligertwood (235)* | *367* | *(0)* | *36* | *(3)* | *1087* | *(60)* |
| S A Marsh (236) | 478 | (4) | 34 | (2) | 1158 | (44) |
| C P Metson (237) | 53 | (0) | 16 | (0) | 373 | (0) |
| P Moores (238) | 782 | (37) | 52 | (4) | 1822 | (117) |
| **N R Mongia (239)** | 364 | (0) | 14 | (0) | 644 | (0) |
| P A Nixon (240) | 880 | (2) | 62 | (3) | 2120 | (62) |
| W M Noon (241) | 332 | (25) | 33 | (3) | 992 | (85) |
| K J Piper (242) | 429 | (45) | 27 | (0) | 969 | (45) |
| **Rashid Latif (243)** | 232 | (0) | 21 | (0) | 652 | (0) |
| S J Rhodes (244) | 939 | (6) | 48 | (1) | 1899 | (26) |
| D Ripley (245) | 448 | (0) | 23 | (0) | 908 | (0) |
| R J Rollins (246) | 719 | (46) | 62 | (1) | 1959 | (66) |
| R C Russell (247) | 858 | (8) | 51 | (5) | 1878 | (108) |
| N F Sargeant (248) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| C W Scott (249) | 208 | (0) | 20 | (0) | 608 | (0) |
| *A D Shaw (250)* | *261* | *(4)* | *33* | *(4)* | *941* | *(84)* |
| R J Turner (251) | 668 | (27) | 67 | (3) | 2008 | (87) |
| L N Walker (252) | 93 | (0) | 18 | (0) | 453 | (0) |
| R J Warren (253) | 486 | (0) | 20 | (0) | 886 | (0) |
| P Whitticase (254) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R C J Williams (255) | 133 | (0) | 13 | (0) | 393 | (0) |
| S C Willis (256) | 141 | (0) | 11 | (0) | 361 | (0) |

### Bowlers (275-404)

| Player (No) | Runs | | Wkts | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **P R Adams (275)** | 83 | (0) | 10 | (0) | 283 | (0) |
| J A Afford (276) | 34 | (0) | 51 | (0) | 1054 | (0) |
| U Afzaal (277) | 264 | (86) | 3 | (1) | 324 | (105) |
| P Aldred (278) | 50 | (0) | 8 | (0) | 210 | (0) |
| **C E L Ambrose (279)** | 116 | (0) | 43 | (0) | 976 | (0) |
| S J W Andrew (280) | 61 | (1) | 15 | (0) | 361 | (1) |
| **Aqib Javed (281)** | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M C J Ball (282) | 236 | (20) | 13 | (0) | 496 | (20) |
| S R Barwick (283) | 34 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 134 | (0) |
| S J Base (284) | 1 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 21 | (0) |
| R T Bates (385) | 229 | (0) | 21 | (0) | 649 | (0) |
| J D Batty (286) | 321 | (0) | 32 | (0) | 961 | (0) |
| M A V Bell (287) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J E Benjamin (288) | 141 | (14) | 39 | (3) | 921 | (74) |
| **W K M Benjamin (289)** | 140 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 260 | (0) |
| M M Betts (290) | 308 | (58) | 44 | (4) | 1188 | (138) |
| M P Bicknell (291) | 333 | (23) | 66 | (3) | 1653 | (83) |
| S D Birbeck (292) | 8 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 88 | (0) |
| D J P Boden (293) | 1 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 21 | (0) |
| J Boiling (294) | 79 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 259 | (0) |
| J N B Bovill (295) | 131 | (0) | 34 | (2) | 811 | (40) |
| M T Brimson (296) | 51 | (0) | 35 | (0) | 751 | (0) |
| J E Brinkley (297) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S J E Brown (298) | 404 | (47) | 79 | (3) | 1984 | (107) |
| A R Caddick (299) | 199 | (10) | 73 | (10) | 1659 | (210) |
| R J Chapman (300) | 0 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 120 | (0) |
| *G Chapple (301)* | *329* | *(10)* | *50* | *(5)* | *1329* | *(110)* |
| J H Childs (302) | 1 | (0) | 19 | (0) | 381 | (0) |
| V P Clarke (303) | 43 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 63 | (0) |
| C A Connor (304) | 140 | (0) | 49 | (0) | 1120 | (0) |
| K E Cooper (305) | 5 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 105 | (0) |
| D M Cousins (306) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| *A P Cowan (307)* | 188 | (11) | 40 | (2) | 988 | (51) |
| *D M Cox (308)* | *434* | *(113)* | *26* | *(2)* | *954* | *(153)* |
| *R P Davis (309)* | 308 | (6) | 23 | (0) | 768 | (6) |
| J M de la Pena (310) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N A Derbyshire (311) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| R R Dibden (312) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| M Dimond (313) | 1 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 41 | (0) |
| A D Edwards (314) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| S W K Ellis (315) | 63 | (0) | 14 | (0) | 343 | (0) |
| S Elworthy (316) | 288 | (0) | 28 | (0) | 848 | (0) |
| A R C Fraser (317) | 238 | (9) | 49 | (2) | 1218 | (49) |
| E S H Giddins (318) | 55 | (0) | 48 | (0) | 1015 | (0) |
| A F Giles (319) | 600 | (106) | 64 | (4) | 1880 | (186) |
| D Gough (320) | 501 | (18) | 67 | (5) | 1841 | (118) |
| R J Green (321) | 91 | (0) | 22 | (4) | 531 | (80) |
| J C Hallett (322) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G M Hamilton (323) | 71 | (0) | 8 | (1) | 231 | (20) |
| A J Harris (324) | 102 | (1) | 53 | (4) | 1162 | (81) |
| P J Hartley (325) | 476 | (0) | 54 | (0) | 1556 | (0) |
| D W Headley (326) | 253 | (1) | 51 | (4) | 1273 | (81) |
| *J E Hindson (327)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| J G Hughes (328) | 22 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 82 | (0) |
| A P Igglesden (329) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| R K Illingworth (330) | 420 | (39) | 51 | (2) | 1440 | (79) |
| M C Ilott (331) | 343 | (35) | 50 | (1) | 1343 | (55) |
| P W Jarvis (332) | 164 | (0) | 19 | (0) | 544 | (0) |
| R L Johnson (333) | 243 | (43) | 25 | (2) | 743 | (83) |
| *G Keedy (334)* | *73* | *(1)* | *23* | *(2)* | *533* | *(41)* |
| N M Kendrick (335) | 35 | (0) | 17 | (0) | 375 | (0) |
| S G Kenlock (336) | 5 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 5 | (0) |
| J I D Kerr (337) | 176 | (0) | 11 | (0) | 396 | (0) |
| A A Khan (338) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| N Killeen (339) | 40 | (0) | 12 | (0) | 280 | (0) |
| R J Kirtley (340) | 22 | (3) | 27 | (2) | 562 | (43) |
| **A Kumble (341)** | 112 | (0) | 13 | (0) | 372 | (0) |
| R P Lefebvre (342) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| J Lewis (343) | 119 | (0) | 18 | (0) | 479 | (0) |
| J D Lewry (344) | 138 | (0) | 41 | (0) | 958 | (0) |
| M J McCague (345) | 357 | (34) | 76 | (3) | 1877 | (94) |
| D E Malcolm (346) | 119 | (1) | 82 | (4) | 1759 | (81) |
| N A Mallender (347) | 31 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 51 | (0) |
| P J Martin (348) | 278 | (0) | 44 | (0) | 1158 | (0) |
| *R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)* | *20* | *(0)* | *1* | *(0)* | *40* | *(0)* |
| R J Maru (350) | 303 | (0) | 18 | (2) | 663 | (40) |
| S M Milburn (352) | 180 | (0) | 17 | (0) | 520 | (0) |
| D J Millns (353) | 424 | (40) | 72 | (6) | 1864 | (160) |
| A D Mullally (354) | 249 | (75) | 70 | (7) | 1649 | (215) |
| T A Munton (355) | 177 | (5) | 35 | (2) | 877 | (45) |
| P J Newport (356) | 142 | (0) | 19 | (0) | 522 | (0) |
| R W Nowell (357) | 28 | (0) | 2 | (0) | 68 | (0) |
| J Ormond (358) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| G J Parsons (359) | 290 | (6) | 47 | (1) | 1230 | (26) |
| M M Patel (360) | 278 | (1) | 33 | (2) | 938 | (41) |
| R M Pearson (361) | 142 | (0) | 31 | (0) | 762 | (0) |
| D B Pennett (362) | 27 | (0) | 7 | (0) | 167 | (0) |
| *N C Phillips (363)* | *223* | *(10)* | *13* | *(2)* | *483* | *(50)* |
| R A Pick (364) | 68 | (0) | 7 | (0) | 208 | (0) |
| A R K Pierson (365) | 263 | (3) | 48 | (2) | 1223 | (43) |
| A C S Pigott (366) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| V J Pike (367) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| **Venkatapathy Raju (368)** | 33 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 133 | (0) |
| A R Roberts (369) | 141 | (0) | 10 | (0) | 341 | (0) |
| M A Robinson (370) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| I D K Salisbury (371) | 562 | (12) | 52 | (5) | 1602 | (112) |
| **Saqlain Mushtaq (372)** | 130 | (0) | 29 | (0) | 710 | (0) |
| **B N Schultz (373)** | 12 | (0) | 6 | (0) | 132 | (0) |
| J P Searle (374) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| D J Shadford (375) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| K P Sheeraz (376) | 3 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 23 | (0) |
| *A Sheriyar (377)* | 38 | (0) | 37 | (0) | 778 | (0) |
| K J Shine (378) | 121 | (1) | 35 | (2) | 821 | (41) |
| *C E W Silverwood (379)* | *198* | *(12)* | *47* | *(2)* | *1138* | *(52)* |
| G C Small (380) | 55 | (0) | 19 | (0) | 435 | (0) |
| A M Smith (381) | 364 | (28) | 60 | (5) | 1564 | (128) |
| *D J Spencer (382)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| **J Srinath (383)** | 128 | (0) | 20 | (0) | 528 | (0) |
| E J Stanford (384) | 12 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 112 | (0) |
| R D Stemp (385) | 260 | (0) | 42 | (3) | 1100 | (60) |
| P M Such (386) | 176 | (1) | 82 | (2) | 1816 | (41) |
| J P Taylor (387) | 242 | (36) | 64 | (1) | 1522 | (56) |
| S D Thomas (388) | 199 | (0) | 20 | (0) | 599 | (0) |
| J B Thompson (389) | 89 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 269 | (0) |
| *M J Thursfield (390)* | 89 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 189 | (0) |
| H R J Trump (391) | 0 | (0) | 4 | (3) | 80 | (60) |
| *A J Tudor (392)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* | *0* | *(0)* |
| P C R Tufnell (393) | 290 | (16) | 78 | (1) | 1850 | (36) |
| S D Udal (394) | 447 | (2) | 34 | (3) | 1127 | (62) |
| A P van Troost (395) | 27 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 207 | (0) |
| **C A Walsh (396)** | 154 | (12) | 85 | (8) | 1854 | (172) |
| A Walker (397) | 25 | (5) | 2 | (0) | 65 | (5) |
| A E Warner (398) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 20 | (0) |
| S L Watkin (399) | 153 | (0) | 67 | (5) | 1493 | (100) |
| **Waqar Younis (400)** | 19 | (0) | 30 | (0) | 619 | (0) |
| N F Williams (401) | 221 | (0) | 35 | (0) | 921 | (0) |
| J Wood (402) | 97 | (0) | 26 | (0) | 617 | (0) |
| T N Wren (403) | 15 | (0) | 9 | (0) | 195 | (0) |
| G Yates (404) | 21 | (0) | 5 | (0) | 121 | (0) |

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders. ☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

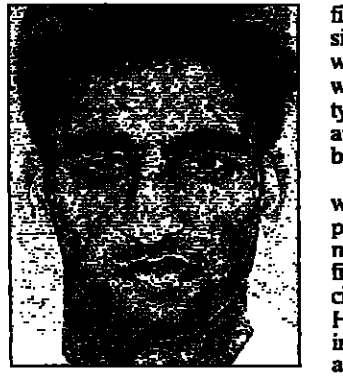
# Akram lined up to fill shoes of Ambrose at Northampton

By Simon Wilde

MOHAMMAD AKRAM, one of the best fast-bowling prospects in the world, has been lined up to play for Northamptonshire next year, so heralding the close of the county career of Curtly Ambrose.

Northamptonshire invited Akram, who played in the Pakistan side that clinched the Test series against England at the Oval last month, for talks this week and the parties agreed terms for a one-year contract, although if he lives up to expectations, he would probably return in 1998.

With Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis sharing the new ball for Pakistan, Akram's opportunities at Test level have been limited, but he showed promise during the tour of England, returned a career-best seven for 51 against Leicestershire and aroused the interest of several counties, including Surrey.



Akram: bright prospect

Being young — his age is officially given as 22, but that can be taken with a pinch of salt — and eager to prove himself, he could prove quite an acquisition. Northamptonshire plan to build their attack around him.

Ambrose returned to his native Antigua last week, charged by Northamptonshire with establishing his precise availability for next season, but the club has taken measures to cover for his almost certain absence.

There is, in fact, little prospect of him satisfying their demands. West Indies are involved in Test and one-day series against India until the middle of next May, by which time the English season would be well under way. In the past, Ambrose, 33, did not always join Northamptonshire punctually or fit, evidence of gruelling international commitments dating back to his West Indies debut in 1988.

There is also the possibility next year that inter-island matches in the Caribbean will detain players until June and that is something that may cause other counties to review their arrangements with West Indies players. Walsh, the West Indies captain, has verbally agreed to rejoin Gloucestershire but with the proviso that the West Indies Cricket Board does not require his services.

For all their problems getting him on the field, Northamptonshire can have few complaints about Ambrose's record once he was there. In 78 first-class appearances over six seasons, he claimed 318 wickets at 21 apiece and there were few bowlers whom county batsmen would rather avoid. The same may one day be said of his successor.

Shane Warne yesterday withdrew from the Australia party that travels to India next month because his spinning finger has not healed sufficiently after surgery in May. His place on the tour, which includes a Test match in Delhi and a one-day tournament that also involves South Africa, will be filled by Peter McIntyre, the South Australia leg spinner.

India will go into the programme under a new manager, Madan Lal, the former all-rounder, who was yesterday appointed to replace Sandeep Patil. Patil, 42, lost his job just days after the team had been beaten 3-2 by Pakistan in a series of one-day internationals in Canada.

Pakistan, alongside the other Test playing nations, were yesterday invited by India to a limited-overs tournament they plan to stage next year to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of independence. Pakistan, who have cancelled three tours of India since 1991 because of concerns over security, have yet to reply to the invitation.

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**RACING:** FAVOURITE FOR 2,000 GUINEAS HEADS LIST OF OWNER'S TWO-YEAR-OLDS SET TO ENJOY BENEFITS OF WINTER IN MIDDLE EAST

# Bahhare is latest recruit for Dubai experiment

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

HAMDAN AL-MAKTOUM has decided to follow the successful example set by his brother, Sheikh Mohammed, and is sending his best two-year-olds to Dubai this winter. Bahhare, the unbeaten John Dunlop-trained colt who is the 5-1 favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas, will head the list of top juveniles soon to head for the Middle East sunshine. He will be joined by Sahm and, in all probability, Sarayir, the Dick Hern-trained filly who is 16-1 for the 1,000 Guineas after a sparkling five-length debut win at Salisbury.

However, as details emerged at Goodwood yesterday of the latest development in the Dubai "experiment", it would appear that Hamdan Al-Maktoum has decided on some subtle but important differences to the Godolphin operation masterminded by his brother.

All his two-year-olds going to Dubai will return to their original trainers when they are flown to Britain in the spring, removing much of the anguish which has flowed from Sheikh Mohammed's horses being switched to the Godolphin operation.

Dunlop said: "Several of my better two-year-olds are going to Dubai for the winter and will return to the stable. They will be looked after out there by my staff under the supervision of one of my assistants. My stable lads will ride the horses out there. I understand they will be going fairly soon, in the next two or three weeks.

"Results from the Dubai experiment have been extremely successful and I can understand why they want to do it."

The apparent swiftness of the decision was underlined when Angus Gold, racing manager to Hamdan Al-Maktoum, was able to supply only the briefest details concerning numbers and timing. "This has only just happened and if I sound vague it is because I don't have the final details. It could be more than 20 two-year-olds are involved. It might be only five."

Hamdan Al-Maktoum has 240 horses in training in Britain, including around 110 two-year-olds. Until now he has sent some three-year-olds to race in Dubai and the only two-year-old to make the trip, Bint Shadayid, subsequently joined Godolphin.

The success enjoyed by Sheikh Mohammed-owned horses who have wintered in Dubai has been little short of astonishing. Lammtarra, who won his only race as a two-year-old, returned to Britain last year to win the Derby, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Moonshell won the Oaks last year while Balanchine scooped the Epsom fillies' classic and Irish Derby in 1994. Mark Of Esteem followed up this year by landing the 2,000 Guineas, and Halling and Classic Cliche have between them won a host of group one victories.

Those trainers affected by Hamdan Al-Maktoum's decision were putting on a brave face yesterday, although some will be less than pleased to lose their classic hopefuls for around five months.

Ben Hanbury, whose Royal Ascot winner, Tipsy Creek, has already been flown to Dubai, is an enthusiastic supporter of the idea. "It's good for any horse to have five months in the sunshine. I am a great believer in Dubai with its lovely gallops and tremendous climate. It can only benefit any horse that goes there."

What remains unclear is whether yesterday's decision owed more to Sheikh Mohammed, the pioneer and driving force behind the Dubai experiment, or the genuine wishes of his older brother.

☐ Timarida will miss the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and will run instead in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket, a spokesperson for trainer John Oxx said yesterday. She won the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown but connections have decided against the £40,000 supplementary fee to run in the Arc.

**RICHARD EVANS**

Nap: INTIKHAB
(3.20 Pontefract)
Next best: Southerly Wind
(3.50 Pontefract)

JULIAN HERBERT

Hagwah, given a fine front-running ride by Roberts, lands the ROA Foundation Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

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2.30 LOVE HAS NO PRIDE (nap)
3.00 Ortolan
3.30 Southern Power
4.00 Wizard King
4.30 Renzo
5.00 Bachelors Pad
5.35 Koathary

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 DON BOSIO (nap). 3.30 Candle Smile. 5.35 Sawa-Id.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

### 2.30 VULCANA GAS APPLIANCES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,128: 1m) (10 runners)

| | | | | | |
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| 101 | (10) | 15136 | NORTHERN SUN 26 (F) (T Murray) T Mills 9-7 | T Quinn | 90 |
| 102 | (9) | 610 | GOODWOOD LASS 40 (G) (Goodwood Owners Group) J Dunlop 8-13 | K Darley | 90 |
| 103 | (2) | 304620 | BOLD ORIENTAL 7 (BF) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-9 | Pat Eddery | 98 |
| 104 | (5) | 6610 | LOVE HAS NO PRIDE 20 (F) (Miss L Regis) R Hannon 8-9 | Dane O'Neill | 91 |
| 105 | (4) | 6550 | TALISMAN 6 (K Pullen) S Dow 8-7 | M Roberts | 81 |
| 106 | (8) | 5003 | PALAEMON 16 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-7 | S Drowne | 90 |
| 107 | (3) | 20302 | SELECT STAR 7 (Select 96) A Jarvis 8-5 | T Sprake | [illegible] |
| 108 | (1) | 001400 | SUN O'TIROL 34 (F) (Mrs A Barwick) M Channon 8-4 | J Carroll | 92 |
| 109 | (6) | 005 | MUTAHADETH 23 (H Al Maktoum) N Graham 8-2 | D Harrison | 96 |
| 110 | (7) | 03005 | MERCILESS COP 6 (B) (M Lanfranchi) B Meehan 8-1 | C Rutter | 93 |

BETTING: 7-2 Bold Oriental, 4-1 Goodwood Lass, 5-1 Northern Sun, 6-1 Palaemon, 8-1 Love Has No Pride, 10-1 Merciless Cop, Select Star, 12-1 others.

1995: QUEEN'S INSIGNIA 7-12 D Biggs (11-2) P Cole 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN SUN short-head and 5l 3rd of 7 to Shall We Go in nursery at Epsom (7f, good). GOODWOOD LASS beat Blue Hopper 2l in 13-runner maiden auction at Leicester (7f, good) with SELECT STAR (5lb better off) 11l 9th. LOVE HAS NO PRIDE beat Allegro 5l in 5-runner maiden at Brighton (6f, firm). PALAEMON 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Strode in nursery at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). SELECT STAR 1¼l 2nd of 12 to Can Can Lady in nursery at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) with BOLD ORIENTAL 2¾l 7th. MUTAHADETH 8l 5th of 7 to Rapier in maiden at Brighton (1m, firm). MERCILESS COP 6½l 5th of 12 to Ball Paradise in nursery at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) with TALISMAN (1lb worse off) 10½l 10th.
Selection: SELECT STAR

### 3.00 J S HUMIDIFIERS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,593: 7f) (15 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (9) | 205331 | DON BOSIO 5 (V,D,F) (Sultan Al Kabeer) M Stoute 9-12 (6ex) | T Quinn | 90 |
| 202 | (14) | 2-41 | KERRY RING 34 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-7 | Pat Eddery | 91 |
| 203 | (7) | 6-5D100 | STATOYORK 14 (D,F) (S Cohn) B Hills 9-5 | J D Smith (5) | 92 |
| 204 | (2) | 011120 | ORTOLAN 12 (C,D,F,S) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-5 | Dane O'Neill | 96 |
| 205 | (10) | 553140 | QUALITY 19 (B,D,F,G) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-4 | Emma O'Gorman | 94 |
| 206 | (11) | 300054 | CARICATURE 16 (B,G) (White Bear) G Lewis 9-4 | A Whelan (3) | 97 |
| 207 | (12) | 3-2401 | RUWY 26 (G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-3 | R Cochrane | 90 |
| 208 | (6) | 6-14 | WAYPOINT 163 (D,BF,G) (R Richards) R Charlton 8-13 | T Sprake | 90 |
| 209 | (8) | 301602 | PRESS ON NICKY 8 (D,F) (S/M/P Syndicate) W Muir 8-10 | J Reid | 95 |
| 210 | (13) | 5140 | SHADOW CASTING 16 (D,BF,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-10 | M Hills | 94 |
| 211 | (5) | 135120 | NEVER THINK TWICE 19 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-6 | D Biggs | [illegible] |
| 212 | (15) | 150504 | CARMARTHEN BAY 12 (G) (D Jones) G L Moore 8-5 | G Duffield | 91 |
| 213 | (4) | 025054 | SEA DANZIG 7 (P Cook) J Bridger 8-2 | D Harrison | 94 |
| 214 | (3) | 414623 | LUCKY REVENGE 9 (D,BF,F) (S Bayless) M Meade 8-2 | M Roberts | 96 |
| 215 | (1) | 050160 | CA'D'ORO 13 (G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 7-13 | N Varley (3) | 93 |

BETTING: 11-4 Kerry Ring, 100-30 Don Bosio, 13-2 Ruwy, 15-2 Quality, 10-1 Statoyork, 12-1 Press On Nicky, 14-1 others.

1995: NEVERENDING 9-2 W Ryan (11-2) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DON BOSIO beat Danlora 6l in 13-runner maiden at Catterick (7f, good to firm). KERRY RING beat Meznh neck in 9-runner maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft).
ORTOLAN 1l 2nd of 6 to Blue Flyer in handicap at Salisbury (7f, firm). CARICATURE 2¼l 4th of 18 to Chewit in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) with SHADOW CASTING 12l 16th. RUWY beat Yukon Hope ¾l in 14-runner maiden at Sandown (1m, good). WAYPOINT 2¼l 4th of 13 to Sky Dome in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). PRESS ON NICKY 1½l 2nd of 12 to Duello in handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). NEVER THINK TWICE 6l 2nd of 18 to Naissant in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to soft).
SEA DANZIG 2¼l 4th of 18 to Morocco in handicap at Lingfield (7f, firm).
Selection: ORTOLAN

### 3.30 ROOF UNITS RATED HANDICAP
(£7,968: 2m) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (1) | 022-580 | ASTERITA 82 (F) (B Nielsen) D Loder 4-9-7 | Pat Eddery | 90 |
| 302 | (4) | 6/5516/ | BLAAZING JOE 834 (F,G) (W Clifford) D Williams 5-9-4 | D Harrison | — |
| 303 | (2) | 01611/6 | CAPTAIN'S GUEST 33 (CD,F,G) (K Buchanan) G Harwood 6-9-4 | A Clark | — |
| 304 | (7) | 23-3131 | SOUTHERN POWER 57 (C,F,G) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 5-9-0 | T Quinn | 91 |
| 305 | (3) | 221342 | CANDLE SMILE 15 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-13 | J Reid | [illegible] |
| 306 | (6) | 14123/0 | MUSE 130 (F,S) (White Horse) D Elsworth 9-8-7 | D Griffiths (5) | — |
| 307 | (5) | 120 | HALEAKALA 13 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 3-8-5 | M Roberts | 93 |

Long handicap: Muse 8-5

BETTING: 7-4 Candle Smile, 5-2 Southern Power, 4-1 Asterita, 6-1 Haleakala, 10-1 Captain's Guest, 14-1 Muse, 33-1 Blaazing Joe.

1995: KRISTAL'S PARADISE 8-3 W Carson (9-4) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASTERITA 18l 9th of 10 to Spout in the group III Lettetby & Christopher Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good).
BLAAZING JOE 8¾l 6th of 12 to Silver Wedge in the group III Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot (2m, good to firm), June 1994.
CAPTAIN'S GUEST beat Argyle Cavalier 1½l in 32-runner Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm), October 1994. SOUTHERN POWER beat Sea Victor neck in 9-runner handicap here (2m 4f, good to firm).
CANDLE SMILE 1l 2nd of 8 to Corradini in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). HALEAKALA ½l 2nd of 4 to Samraan in conditions race at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm).
Selection: CANDLE SMILE

### 4.00 CHARLTON HUNT SUPREME STAKES
(Group III: £23,430: 7f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
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| 401 | (2) | 0-U3502 | SERGEYEV 8 (D,BF,F,G) (B Stewart-Brown) R Hannon 4-9-2 | R Hughes | 90 |
| 402 | (3) | 654011 | CHEWIT 7 (D,F,G) (Bafford Ltd) A Moore 4-8-12 | Candy Morris | 73 |
| 403 | (6) | 3-51112 | WIZARD KING 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Al Maktoum) M Prescott 5-8-12 | G Duffield | [illegible] |
| 404 | (9) | 1-10610 | THRILLING DAY 41 (CD,F,G) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Graham 3-8-10 | D Harrison | 92 |
| 405 | (1) | 0-06000 | BRIEF GLIMPSE 42 (CD,F,G) (Whitewaye Racing) D Chappell 4-8-9 | Pat Eddery | 81 |
| 406 | (8) | 510161 | POLAR PRINCE 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 3-8-9 | R Cochrane | 91 |
| 407 | (7) | 4113-35 | TAGULA 123 (F,G) (R Hitchins) I Balding 3-8-9 | K Darley | 96 |
| 408 | (4) | 3-43001 | MY BRANCH 14 (D,F,G) (W Said) B Hills 3-8-6 | M Hills | 95 |
| 409 | (5) | 2-001 | PERSONAL LOVE 39 (D,G) (Stall Nizza) H Steinmetz (Ger) 3-8-6 | Andre Best | 94 |

BETTING: 7-4 Wizard King, 5-2 My Branch, 9-2 Tagula, 7-1 Polar Prince, 8-1 Thrilling Day, 12-1 Sergeyev, 14-1 others.

1995: INZAR 3-8-8 T Quinn (3-1) P Cole 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

WIZARD KING 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Centre Stalls in listed race at Kempton (1m, good) with SERGEYEV (4lb worse off) 10¼l 7th. THRILLING DAY beat Forest Cat 1¾l in 14-runner listed race over course and distance (good to firm) with BRIEF GLIMPSE (1lb better off) 6¼l 9th and MY BRANCH (1lb better off) 7l 13th. POLAR PRINCE beat Russian Music 1¼l in 8-runner conditions race over course and distance (good). TAGULA 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Ashkalani in group I Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp (1m, good). MY BRANCH beat High Summer 1¼l in 7-runner listed race at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).
Selection: MY BRANCH (nap)

### 4.30 CRANE FLUID SYSTEMS ABV MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,342: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (4) | 460020 | APACHE LEN 14 (V) (R Tatano) R Hannon 9-0 | R Hughes | 93 |
| 502 | (3) | 5- | BROTHER ROY 488 (T Mills) T Mills 9-0 | J Reid | — |
| 503 | (2) | 3-2 | FILMORE WEST 22 (C Wright) P Cole 9-0 | T Quinn | [illegible] |
| 504 | (8) | 0-50054 | LITUUS 8 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 | J Carroll | 96 |
| 505 | (1) | 423 | RENZO 78 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 9-0 | A Clark | 98 |
| 506 | (9) | 00F | SOVEREIGN CREST 12 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 9-0 | S Whitworth | 73 |
| 507 | (7) | | HARLESTONE HEATH (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 8-9 | G Duffield | — |
| 508 | (6) | | QUESTING STAR (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 | M Hills | — |
| 509 | (5) | | THATCHAM ISLAND (Berkshire Components) D Williams 8-9 | D Harrison | — |

BETTING: 5-4 Filmore West, 9-2 Lituus, Renzo, 8-1 Apache Len, Questing Star, 10-1 Harlestone Heath, 12-1 Brother Roy, 14-1 others.

1995: ROSY HUE 3-8-9 J Weaver 4-1 (R Charlton) 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

APACHE LEN short-head 2nd of 8 to Prima Volta in claimer at Sandown (1m 1f, good). BROTHER ROY 8¾l 5th of 11 to Bahamian Knight in maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). FILMORE WEST 1¾l 2nd of 12 to Mohawk River in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). LITUUS 4l 4th of 13 to Sue's Return in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm). RENZO 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Time Allowed in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: RENZO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J Payne | 5 | 16 | 31.3 | Pat Eddery | 38 | 193 | 19.7 |
| M Stoute | 22 | 95 | 23.2 | Dane O'Neill | 12 | 74 | 16.2 |
| G Wragg | 9 | 43 | 20.9 | M Hills | 21 | 131 | 16.0 |
| P Cole | 27 | 133 | 20.3 | R Cochrane | 26 | 175 | 14.9 |
| Mrs J Cecil | 5 | 26 | 19.2 | T Quinn | 43 | 306 | 14.1 |
| R Charlton | 12 | 64 | 18.8 | J Reid | 37 | 262 | 14.1 |

### 5.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND IMI AIR CONDITIONING MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,414: 6f) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (15) | | AL MUALLIM (Al Muallim Partners) J Payne 9-0 | A Clark | — |
| 602 | (11) | 2 | BACHELORS PAD 54 (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 9-0 | Pat Eddery | [illegible] |
| 603 | (14) | 0 | BON GUEST 43 (Mrs E Jackman) T Naughton 9-0 | J D Smith (5) | — |
| 604 | (2) | 0 | CHEVAL ROC 13 (R Whitworth) R Hannon 9-0 | Dane O'Neill | 85 |
| 605 | (9) | 634 | DAWAM ALLAIL 53 (A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 | R Cochrane | 97 |
| 606 | (18) | | DESERT WARRIOR (A Al-Radi) Miss Gay Kelleway 9-0 | J Reid | — |
| 607 | (13) | 5 | JANIE'S BOY 145 (R Auchincloss) John Berry 9-0 | R Hughes | 82 |
| 608 | (16) | 00 | LITTLE PROGRESS 32 (R Page) T Jones 9-0 | R Perham | — |
| 609 | (8) | 0 | MOONSHINER 54 (G von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0 | M Hills | — |
| 610 | (12) | 50 | RIGHT MAN 15 (G Wright) G Lewis 9-0 | S Whitworth | — |
| 611 | (4) | | ROCK TO THE TOP (Mrs C Dowling) J Sheehan 9-0 | S Drowne | — |
| 612 | (10) | | ROYAL BORN (Noodles Racing) W Jarvis 9-0 | Stephen Davies | — |
| 613 | (6) | 5003 | SELECT CHOICE 13 (Select 96) A Jarvis 9-0 | K Darley | 98 |
| 614 | (3) | 6 | SMOKEBUSH 104 (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 | D Harrison | 80 |
| 615 | (7) | 0 | VILLAGE PUB 14 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 | T Sprake | 73 |
| 616 | (1) | | BUZZBY BABE (P Carter) A Foster 8-9 | C Adamson (5) | — |
| 617 | (5) | 64 | DEBONAIR 91 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing) G Lewis 8-9 | A Whelan (3) | 78 |
| 618 | (17) | 0 | JUNIE 19 (T Mills) T Mills 8-9 | T Quinn | 92 |

BETTING: 11-4 Bachelors Pad, 6-1 Dawam Allail, Village Pub, 8-1 Moonshiner, 10-1 Smokebush, 12-1 Debonair, 14-1 others.

1995: TRAFALGAR LADY 8-9 T Quinn (7-1) R Charlton 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BACHELORS PAD 4l 2nd of 11 to Musical Pursuit in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with MOONSHINER 14l 10th.
DAWAM ALLAIL 7¾l 4th of 6 to Mulitone in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). JANIE'S BOY 8¾l 5th of 7 to Abou Zouz in maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). SELECT CHOICE 11l 3rd of 14 to Hurricane State in 14-runner maiden over course and distance (good) with CHEVAL ROC 5l 10th. DEBONAIR 12½l 4th of 8 to Falkenham in auction at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). JUNIE 6½l 7th of 14 to Calypso Lady in maiden at Kempton (6f, good).
Selection: BACHELORS PAD

### 5.35 FANS DIRECT 100% CASH BACK APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£3,980: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | 601032 | RORY 8 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-11 | Amanda Sanders (3) | 97 |
| 2 | (8) | 053025 | PAY HOMAGE 14 (CD,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 8-9-9 | R Fowley (7) | [illegible] |
| 3 | (3) | 0-4511 | SAWA-ID 20 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-9 | A Eddery (3) | 96 |
| 4 | (4) | 226356 | QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 108 (G,S) (J Arnou) R Boss 5-9-8 | G Faulkner (3) | 90 |
| 5 | (9) | 430011 | KOATHARY 34 (CD,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 5-9-7 | D Griffiths | 92 |
| 6 | (7) | 5-44064 | SHADY GIRL 20 (B) (J Leal) B Hills 3-8-13 | J D Smith | 92 |
| 7 | (6) | 0468-54 | BY THE BAY 215 (P Jacobs) S Dow 4-8-3 | A Daly | 86 |
| 8 | (1) | 125300 | RUNIC SYMBOL 43 (F) (D Sloan) M Blanchard 5-7-10 | Kerry Baker (5) | 88 |
| 9 | (5) | 143250 | HATTA SUNSHINE 175 (G) (R Naman) A Moore 6-7-10 | Iona Wands (3) | 91 |

Long handicap: Runic Symbol 7-6, Hatta Sunshine 7-5

BETTING: 7-4 Sawa-Id, 4-1 Koathary, 5-1 Rory, 6-1 Pay Homage, 8-1 Shady Girl, 10-1 Queen Of All Birds, 14-1 By The Bay, 16-1 others.

1995: TRIBAL PEACE 3-9-0 P P Murphy (7-1) B Gubby 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

RORY ½l 2nd of 16 to Secret Aly in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm). PAY HOMAGE ¾l 2nd of 11 to Night Wink in handicap over course and distance (good). SAWA-ID beat Shalateeno head in handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 120yd, good) with SHADY GIRL (7lb better off) 5l 4th. KOATHARY beat Milos 3l in a 9-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good to soft). SHADY GIRL 17l 6th of 12 to Waikiki Beach at Lingfield (1m, AW). RUNIC SYMBOL 4¼l 3rd of 14 to Bakers Daughter in handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good).
Selection: RORY

## PERTH

THUNDERER

2.10 Silverdale Knight. 2.40 Lear Dancer. 3.10 *Steadfast Elite*. 3.40 Shrewd John. 4.10 *Tough Test*. 4.40 Tighter Budget. 5.10 Super Guy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

### 2.10 MURRAYSHALL HOTEL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,807: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 12 | KERNOF 24 (B,BF,F) M Hammond 11-3 | R Garritty |
| 2 | 1 | ROSSEL 26 (CD,F) P Monteith 11-3 | A Dobbin |
| 3 | 1 | SILVERDALE KNIGHT 7F (G) K Hogg 11-3 | M Foster |
| 4 | | ARROGANT HEIR 360F D Brown 10-10 | L Wyer |
| 5 | | GLOBE RUNNER 24F J J O'Neill 10-10 | A Roche |
| 6 | | MINERAL WATER 79F Mrs D Thomson 10-10 | L O'Hara |
| 7 | 2 | RET FREM 8F (BF) C Parker 10-10 | B Storey |
| 8 | | THORNTOUN ESTATE 143F M Todhunter 10-10 | M Dwyer |
| 9 | | WHAT JIM WANTS 20F J J O'Neill 10-10 | P Niven |
| 10 | 2 | HOW COULD-I 10 Mrs N Macauley 10-5 | A Maguire |
| 11 | | TARRY 59F A Streeter 10-5 | T Eley |

5-2 Ret Frem, 11-4 Rossel, 7-2 Silverdale Knight, 6-1 How Could-I, 10-1 Kernof, 16-1 Globe Runner, Thorntoun Estate, 20-1 others.

### 2.40 TRAVAIL EMPLOYMENT GROUP MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,684: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 460- | BOSTON MAN 159 R Woodhouse 5-11-5 | L Wyer |
| 2 | /PP- | CALDER'S GROVE 241 Miss L Perratt 6-11-5 | L O'Hara |
| 3 | 606- | JABAROOT 3F R McKellar 5-11-5 | G Cahill (3) |
| 4 | 655- | JONAEM 120 Mrs E Slack 6-11-5 | K Johnson |
| 5 | 22 | LEAR DANCER 12 (BF) Miss M Rowland 5-11-5 | Gary Lyons |
| 6 | 0/3- | MURPHY'S RUN 427 P Eccles 6-11-5 | A Maguire |
| 7 | 00- | NEW CAPRICORN 321 C Parker 6-11-5 | D Parker (3) |
| 8 | /00- | PALACE OF GOLD 8F L Lungo 6-11-5 | M Foster |
| 9 | 2 | COMMANDER GLEN 7F M Hammond 4-11-3 | Mr C Bonner (3) |
| 10 | 300- | MISS LAMPLIGHT 173 F Murtagh 6-11-0 | R Supple |
| 11 | 2F0- | SHONARA'S WAY 5F P Monteith 5-11-0 | A Dobbin |

7-4 Commander Glen, 5-1 Murphy's Run, 6-1 Lear Dancer, 8-1 others

### 3.10 CLARENDON CARPETS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,371: 2m 110yd) (5)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2212 | SARMATIAN 12 (CD,BF,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-10 | R Garritty |
| 2 | 0-42 | ROBSERA 12 J Quinn 5-11-0 | L Wyer |
| 3 | 3-12 | STEADFAST ELITE 27 (G) J J O'Neill 5-11-0 | A Roche |
| 4 | 46-4 | LATIN LEADER 33 (B,D,F) C Parker 6-10-9 | D Parker (3) |
| 5 | 00-1 | VINTAGE RED 27 (CD,F) G Richards 6-10-0 | A Dobbin |

6-4 Sarmatian, 5-2 Robsera, 7-2 Steadfast Elite, 6-1 Latin Leader, Vintage Red.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Lungo, 8 winners from 23 runners, 34.8%. M Hammond, 19 from 79, 24.1%. P Monteith, 15 from 72, 20.8%. J Goldie, 6 from 30, 20.0%. G Richards, 17 from 90, 18.9%. N Tinkler, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 23 winners from 78 rides, 29.5%. A Dobbin, 18 from 85, 21.2%. M Dwyer, 9 from 44, 20.5%. R Garritty, 7 from 35, 20.0%. P Cahill, 6 from 31, 19.4%. F Leahy, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

### 3.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,420: 2m) (7)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11P- | NEWHALL PRINCE 196 (D,F,G) A Streeter 8-11-10 | T Eley |
| 2 | 50P- | SURE METAL 162 (D,F,G,S) D McCain 13-11-9 | D McCain |
| 3 | 2F-2 | BELDINE 26 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Monteith 11-10-12 | A Dobbin |
| 4 | 3-24 | BEAUCADEAU 20 (C,D,F,G) M Barnes 10-10-12 | P Waggott |
| 5 | 4335 | VAIN PRINCE 3F (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-10-12 | R Garritty |
| 6 | 4-6F | SHREWD JOHN 19 (D,F,G) R Woodhouse 10-10-9 | M Dwyer |
| 7 | -323 | BLAZING DAWN 31 (F,G,S) J Hubbuck 9-10-0 | B Storey |

3-1 Newhall Prince, 4-1 Vain Prince, 9-2 Beaucadeau, 5-1 Shrewd John, 6-1 Beldine, Blazing Dawn, 8-1 Sure Metal

### 4.10 HIGHLAND SPRING SCOTTISH CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,436: 3m 110yd) (5)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 33-5 | DON DU CADRAN 12 (G) T Forster 7-11-12 | A Thornton |
| 2 | -1F2 | TOUGH TEST 20 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-8 | B Fenton |
| 3 | 246- | TWIN FALLS 119F (G) G Moore 5-11-5 | J Callaghan |
| 4 | 1210 | BOURDONNER 1 (CD,BF,F,S) M Hammond 4-10-9 | R Garritty |
| 5 | 4/32 | VALIANT DASH 27 (CD,F,G,S) J Goldie 10-10-7 | G Lee (3) |

5-4 Bourdonner, 5-2 Tough Test, 5-1 Don Du Cadran, 6-1 Twin Falls, 8-1 Valiant Dash

### 4.40 PRESS & JOURNAL NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: £3,436: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

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| 1 | 311- | BARDAROS 171P (G,S) Miss L Russell 7-11-0 | A Thornton |
| 2 | 1PP- | KINCARDINE BRIDGE 138P (F) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-0 | Mr M Bradburne (7) |
| 3 | 0-05 | SEE YOU ALWAYS 20 (F) M Barnes 6-11-0 | P Waggott |
| 4 | 134- | TIGHTER BUDGET 283 (F,S) Mrs H Sayer 9-11-0 | M Moloney |
| 5 | 0-34 | TONY'S FEELINGS 20 (F) Miss L Russell 8-11-0 | M Foster |

6-4 Tighter Budget, 7-4 Bardaros, 9-2 Kincardine Bridge, 8-1 See You Always, 10-1 Tony's Feelings

### 5.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HASTE YE BACK STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,516: 2m 110yd) (13)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | NORTH END LADY 29 (F) W Cunningham 5-11-6 | Mr R Thornton (7) |
| 2 | | SMART IN SOCKS Miss L Russell 5-11-4 | B Fenton |
| 3 | S | TEDDY EDWARD 12 Mrs A Naughton 6-11-4 | J Supple |
| 4 | | DAMIEN'S CHOICE Miss L Perratt 4-11-2 | F Leahy (3) |
| 5 | 030- | GOLF LAND 159 L Lungo 4-11-2 | Mr M H Naughton (5) |
| 6 | | MONSIEUR PINK A Streeter 4-11-2 | J Colloty |
| 7 | | RINUS MAJESTIC D McCain 4-11-2 | D Walsh (3) |
| 8 | | SUPER GUY J Barclay 4-11-2 | G Cahill (3) |
| 9 | | THE VALE R McKellar 4-11-2 | D Parker (3) |
| 10 | | WATER FONT J J O'Neill 4-11-2 | A Roche |
| 11 | | YEWCROFT BOY M Barnes 4-11-2 | S Taylor (5) |
| 12 | 8 | MISS NONNIE 12 Miss L Shally 4-10-11 | R Massey (3) |
| 13 | 25- | NISHAMIRA 180 T Barron 4-10-11 | G Tormey (3) |

4-5 Nishamira, 5-1 North End Lady, 6-1 Golf Land, 8-1 Water Font, 16-1 Monsieur Pink, Rinus Majestic, 20-1 others

## Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 4.30 Apache Len. 5.35 Shady Girl. PERTH: 2.10 Kernof. PONTEFRACT: 3.50 Real Fire. 4.20 Skillington

## PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Just Dissident. 3.20 Intikhab. 3.50 Southerly Wind. 4.20 *Al Shafa*. 4.50 *Panama City*. 5.20 No Cliches.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 SHARP MOVE.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 2.45 AMEC DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP
(£3,314: 5f) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (18) | 3102 | BOWLERS BOY 24 (C,BF,F) J Quinn 3-10-0 | G Parkin (5) | 86 |
| 2 | (8) | 0200 | SHADOW JURY 33 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-13 | L Charnock | 91 |
| 3 | (15) | 4012 | PAGEBOY 7 (C,D,F,G) P Haslam 7-9-12 | J Fortune | 98 |
| 4 | (7) | 0800 | CHADWELL HALL 13 (B,D,F,G,S) S Bowring 5-9-12 | C Teague (3) | 96 |
| 5 | (6) | 4520 | TROPICAL BEACH 13 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-12 | C Lowther (7) | 93 |
| 6 | (5) | 1040 | CHALICE 45 (D,G) J Balding 3-9-11 | J Edmunds (7) | 89 |
| 7 | (12) | 4000 | COMIC FANTASY 19 (B,D,F) J Eyre 3-9-10 | O Pears (3) | 96 |
| 8 | (3) | 4100 | JUST DISSIDENT 7 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 4-9-9 | D McKeown | 95 |
| 9 | (14) | 5400 | PRINCELY SOUND 17 (D,G) M Bell 3-9-8 | M Fenton | 91 |
| 10 | (4) | 3008 | CAPTAIN CARAT 23 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-8 | K Fallon | 93 |
| 11 | (9) | 3532 | NED'S BONANZA 17 (D,F,G) M Dods 7-9-8 | F Lynch (3) | 96 |
| 12 | (13) | 0000 | PLAYMAKER 13 (B,D,S) D Nicholls 3-9-7 | Alex Greaves | 94 |
| 13 | (10) | 0446 | WHISPERED MELODY 10 P Harris 3-9-6 | Jo Hunnam (7) | 89 |
| 14 | (11) | 3600 | MISTER JOEL 21 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 3-9-4 | A Culhane | 88 |
| 15 | (16) | 0800 | COLSTON-C 14 (F) P Evans 4-9-3 | J F Egan | 80 |
| 16 | (17) | 2200 | LLOC 10 (D,S) C Dwyer 4-9-1 | M Tebbutt | 90 |
| 17 | (2) | 0800 | THICK AS THIEVES 83 (D,F,G) R Thompson 4-8-9 | N Connorton | 85 |
| 18 | (1) | 0/00 | SHARP MOVE 16 Mrs J Cecil 4-8-5 | Martin Dwyer (5) | [illegible] |

5-1 Pageboy, 7-1 Ned's Bonanza, 8-1 Captain Carat, 10-1 Bowlers Boy, Tropical Beach, Lloc, Princely Sound, 12-1 others.

### 3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HIGH BAY WAREHOUSE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,436 6f) (12)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (9) | 55 | AROUND FORE ALLISS 15 T Mills 9-0 | J Fortune | 90 |
| 2 | (3) | 06 | BAILEYS IMP 92 M Johnston 9-0 | D McKeown | 88 |
| 3 | (5) | 0 | DAWN SUMMIT 34 B Hanbury 9-0 | J Stack | 75 |
| 4 | (8) | | FREEDOM OF TROY J Eyre 9-0 | R Lappin | — |
| 5 | (11) | 0 | HELLO THERE 19 N Tinkler 9-0 | Kim Tinkler | — |
| 6 | (7) | 2 | INTIKHAB 52 D Morley 9-0 | R Hills | [illegible] |
| 7 | (1) | 6 | PIETRO BEMBO 7 M Prescott 9-0 | S Sanders | 90 |
| 8 | (4) | 0 | POLAR FLIGHT 10 M Johnston 9-0 | J Weaver | 83 |
| 9 | (2) | | TAYSEER E Dunlop 9-0 | K Fallon | — |
| 10 | (12) | 60 | TRUE PERSPECTIVE 28 J Bethell 9-0 | G Bardwell | 66 |
| 11 | (6) | 5 | WOBBLE 85 W Haggas 9-0 | N Day | 70 |
| 12 | (10) | 6 | ROCHEA 8 W Haggas 8-9 | M Fenton | 81 |

11-4 Intikhab, 6-1 Baileys Imp, Tayseer, 7-1 Pietro Bembo, 8-1 Around Fore Alliss, Rochea, Wobble, 10-1 others

### 3.50 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT FAST TRACK TO EUROPE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 4yd) (12)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 3433 | ELRAYAHIN 17 (B) W Hern 9-7 | R Hills | 94 |
| 2 | (7) | 5104 | I CAN'T REMEMBER 6 (F,S) P Evans 9-4 | J F Egan | 90 |
| 3 | (11) | 446 | IKATANIA 50 J Dunlop 9-4 | G Carter | 85 |
| 4 | (12) | 1530 | NINTH SYMPHONY 31 (F) P Haslam 9-4 | J Fortune | 93 |
| 5 | (1) | 4001 | CAN CAN LADY 7 (D,F) M Johnston 9-2 (6ex) | J Weaver | 96 |
| 6 | (3) | 0152 | SOUTHERLY WIND 8 (C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1 | K Fallon | 97 |
| 7 | (8) | 4200 | SKELTON SOVEREIGN 26 R Hollinshead 8-8 | F Lynch (3) | 93 |
| 8 | (10) | 040 | ELLWAY LADY 38 I Balding 8-5 | Martin Dwyer (5) | 93 |
| 9 | (2) | 4466 | GRESATRE 7 C Dwyer 8-4 | J Quinn | [illegible] |
| 10 | (9) | 0110 | SPARKY 21 (B,F) M W Easterby 8-3 | J Fanning | 93 |
| 11 | (6) | 44U | NOT A LOT 8 M W Easterby 8-0 | L Charnock | 93 |
| 12 | (5) | 6000 | REAL FIRE 20 (B) M Meagher 7-10 | D Wright (3) | 87 |

7-2 Southerly Wind, 9-2 Elrayahin, 5-1 I Can't Remember, 6-1 Can Can Lady, 7-1

### 4.20 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT DALBY SCREW-DRIVER RATED HANDICAP (£6,721: 1m 2f 6yd) (11)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (10) | 0030 | MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 6 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-7 | W Ryan | 98 |
| 2 | (5) | 2110 | CELESTIAL CHOIR 12 (C,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-9-3 | J Fortune | 95 |
| 3 | (8) | 1200 | AL SHAFA 35 (F,G) J Dunlop 3-9-1 | G Carter | 97 |
| 4 | (6) | 1200 | PRIVATE SONG 37 (D,BF,G) R Charlton 3-8-12 | A McGlone | 97 |
| 5 | (2) | 5200 | POLAR ECLIPSE 54 (S) M Johnston 3-8-11 | J Weaver | 90 |
| 6 | (3) | 2322 | MELLOTTIE 22 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 11-8-10 | A Culhane | 98 |
| 7 | (9) | 0502 | HENRY ISLAND 33 (S) G Wragg 3-8-9 | R Hills | 95 |
| 8 | (4) | 0500 | SKILLINGTON 12 (V,CD,F) I Balding 3-8-8 | Martin Dwyer (5) | [illegible] |
| 9 | (7) | 4614 | ROUFONTAINE 14 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-8-7 | R Havlin (3) | 98 |
| 10 | (11) | 0005 | HAND CRAFT 108 (F,G) W Haggas 4-8-7 | K Fallon | 89 |
| 11 | (1) | 1110 | FROG 57 (D,F) M Prescott 3-8-1 | S Sanders | 93 |

9-2 Celestial Choir, 5-1 Moments Of Fortune, 6-1 Frog, Henry Island, 7-1 Private Song, Mellottie, 8-1 Al Shafa, 10-1 others

### 4.50 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,469: 1m 4yd) (10)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (10) | 50 | BERT 32 P Walwyn 9-0 | G Carter | — |
| 2 | (9) | 0 | KALININI 22 L Cumani 9-0 | D Urbina | — |
| 3 | (2) | 3 | LOVE ME DO 64 M Johnston 9-0 | J Weaver | 85 |
| 4 | (1) | | MOONLIGHT INVADER E Dunlop 9-0 | W Ryan | — |
| 5 | (4) | 2 | PANAMA CITY 31 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 | R Havlin (3) | 97 |
| 6 | (8) | 02 | ST LAWRENCE 23 C Brittain 9-0 | B Doyle | [illegible] |
| 7 | (7) | 00 | TANGO KING J Dunlop 9-0 | A McGlone | 86 |
| 8 | (6) | | THE TIG L Lloyd-James 9-0 | T Williams | — |
| 9 | (3) | | WHIRLAWHILE E Dunlop 9-0 | K Fallon | — |
| 10 | (5) | 0 | LITTLE MISS ROCKER 16 I Balding 8-9 | Martin Dwyer (5) | — |

11-4 Panama City, 3-1 Love Me Do, 6-1 Whirlawhile, 7-1 St Lawrence, 8-1 Kalinini, Moonlight Invader, Little Miss Rocker, 10-1 others

### 5.20 HERMES ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED STAKES (£3,035: 1m 2f 6yd) (8)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (3) | 6300 | ROI DU NORD 8 S Campion 4-9-2 | G Carter | 90 |
| 2 | (8) | 2451 | LADY OF LEISURE 10 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-1 | G Bardwell | 90 |
| 3 | (1) | 6152 | HAREB 27 (D,G) J Hills 3-8-10 | M Henry (3) | 92 |
| 4 | (4) | 0062 | NO CLICHES 8 (B,F) G Lewis 3-8-10 | J Weaver | [illegible] |
| 5 | (5) | 00-6 | CANDY'S DELIGHT 3 Mrs S Smith 3-8-7 | F Lynch (3) | — |
| 6 | (6) | -400 | LOVELY PROSPECT 7 (S) R Guest 3-8-7 | P Bloomfield | 85 |
| 7 | (7) | 5230 | NASEEM ALSAHAR 31 (B,BF) W Hern 3-8-7 | R Hills | 94 |
| 8 | (2) | -640 | SINKING SUN 35 (V) B Hills 3-8-7 | K Fallon | 90 |

11-4 Lady Of Leisure, 3-1 No Cliches, 7-2 Hareb, 5-1 Naseem Alsahar, 11-2 Roi Du Nord, 7-1 Sinking Sun, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hanbury, 8 winners from 34 runners, 23.5%. J Dunlop, 9 from 41, 22.0%. P Chapple-Hyam, 5 from 23, 21.7%. G Lewis, 3 from 14, 21.4%. Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 19, 21.1%. L Cumani, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: A McGlone, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%. N Day, 3 from 14, 21.4%. W Ryan, 21 from 102, 20.6%. K Fallon, 40 from 200, 20.0%. M Henry, 3 from 15, 20.0%. F Lynch, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

### Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.30 (7f) 1, SILCA'S MY KEY (P P Murphy, 3-1 fav); 2, *Marsh Marigold* (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Summerville Wood (P Doe, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bapsford, 6 Whizz Kid (4th), 8 Presiodu (6th), 11 Seretse's Nephew (5th), 16 Municipal Girl, 25 Jade's Gem, 40 Foxford Lad. 10 ran. Hd, 5l, 2l, 1¼l, 2l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £9.10. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £30.79. No bid.

3.00 (7f) 1, WHITE HOT (R Hills, 14-1); 2, Kalinka (F Norton, 7-4 fav); 3, Pelham (Pat Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Supply And Demand (5th), 15-2 Sheer Face (4th), 10 Iechyd-Da, 12 Gift Token, Paphia (6th), 33 City Gambler, Tartan Party, 50 Fable, Streamline, Sylvan Jubilacion, The Commodore, Tulsa. 15 ran. Sh hd, 3½l, ½l, hd, 2l. E Dunlop at Newmarket. Tote: £14.90; £2.70, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £11.40. Trio: £19.50. CSF: £38.52.

3.30 (1m) 1, VOYAGERS QUEST (J Reid, 11-8 fav); 2, Stanton Harcourt (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Pennys From Heaven (C Rutter, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Waterspout (6th), 11 Heritage (4th), 20 Bentnose, 25 Elhafid, Sheffield Shark, 33 Utah, 50 Noble Hero, Padauk (5th). 11 ran. NR: Swan Island. Nk, 3½l, 4l, ½l, hd. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.10. Trio: £11.40. CSF: £7.42.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, HAGWAH (M Roberts, 5-2); 2, Overbury (T Quinn, 9-1); 3, Fahim (R Hills, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bal Harbour (5th), 6 Sanoosea (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, 2½l, ½l, sh hd. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £2.00. DF: £19.30. CSF: £18.79.

4.30 (5f) 1, SCISSOR RIDGE (R Mullen, 8-1); 2, Pride Of Hayling (S Drowne, 20-1); 3, John O'Dreams (M Roberts, 13-2); 4, Squire Corrie (Gaye Harwood, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Malibu Man, 8 Runs In The Family, 10 Ashkernazy, 14 Mindrace, Tachycardia, 16 La Belle Dominique, Scored Again, Walk The Beat (5th), 20 Paley Prince, 25 Out Line (6th), Red Time, 33 Just Lady, 40 Deardaw, 50 Double Or Bust, Into Debt, 66 Kealbra Lady. 20 ran. Nk, hd, sh hd, sh hd, 2½l. J Bridger at Liphook. Tote: £8.80; £1.80, £4.10, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £71.00. Trio: £272.80. CSF: £147.17. Tricast: £1,050.46.

5.00 (1m) 1, CRESTED KNIGHT (D Harrison, 9-1); 2, Cate Bottom (D Griffiths, 20-1); 3, Velvet Jones (S Whitworth, 33-1); 4, King Parrot (Aimee Cook, 11-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Jaazim, 8 Roi De La Mer, 11 Queen of Shannon, 12 Charlton Imp, Soaking (6th), 14 Captain's Day, Rocky Waters, Sporting Risk, 16 Open Affair, Our Shadee, Premier League, Proud Brigadier, 20 Baron Hrabovsky (5th), Office Hours, 33 Mam'selle Bergerac, Real Gem, Zamalek. 21 ran. NR: Mr Rough. ½l, ¾l, 2l, shd, 1½l. C Horgan at Wokingham. Tote: £15.00; £3.90, £6.30, £12.00, £1.10. DF: £486.00. Trio: £2,070.60 (part won, pool of £2,041.52 carried forward to 3.00 at Goodwood today). CSF: £176.86. Tricast: £5,180.94. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

5.30 (1m 4f) 1, FASIL (R Hills, 14-1); 2, Snow Falcon (M Fenton, 8-1); 3, Major Dundee (J Reid, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Divine, Martimeo (4th), 4 Shalateeno, 12 Far Dawn (6th), 14 Kitty Kitty Cancan, 25 Dhulikhel, 33 Quiet Arch (5th). 10 ran. 2l, 1¼l, 1¼l, 3½l, ½l. C Benstead at Epsom. Tote: £15.90; £2.80, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £48.00. Trio: £138.30. CSF: £112.33. Tricast: £1,180.11.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,305.98 carried forward to Goodwood today).

### Chester

Going: good

2.20 (1m 5f 89yd) 1, Ginger Fox (W Ryan, 5-2); 2, Heart (6-4 fav); 3, Ballet High (11-2). 8 ran. NR: Euphoric Illusion. ¾l, 14l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £2.40. Trio: £3.90. CSF: £6.15.

2.50 (7f 2yd) 1, Beryllium (Dane O'Neill, 7-1); 2, Calypso Grant (3-1); 3, Bally Souza (12-1). Maltool 5-2 fav. 10 ran. 1l, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £9.90; £2.60, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £12.30. Trio: £66.00. CSF: £28.36.

3.20 (7f 3yd) 1, Smugurs (D Wright, 7-1); 2, Grate Times (10-1); 3, Brandon Jack (3-1 fav). 12 ran. Hd, 1l. R Williams. Tote: £9.20; £2.20, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £47.50. Trio: £37.30. CSF: £75.26. Tricast: £209.12.

3.50 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, Beaumont (J Quinn, 6-1); 2, Amiarge (20-1); 3, Izza (4-1). The Swan 7-2 fav. 15 ran. 1¾l, 1l. J Banks. Tote: £6.00; £1.90, £11.10, £2.20. DF: £133.80. Trio: £346.10. CSF: £112.94. Tricast: £503.18.

4.20 (7f 122yd) 1, Entrepreneur (W R Swinburn, 1-6 fav); 2, Kharir (11-1); 3, Rapier (10-1). 4 ran. 2½l, 6l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.80.

4.50 (5f 16yd) 1, Crofters Ceilidh (J Fortune, 5-1 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Go Hever Golf (7-1); 3, Gondo (33-1). 13 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. B McMahon. Tote: £5.30; £2.60, £3.60, £2.10. DF: £20.10. Trio: £117.10. CSF: £38.44. Tricast: £1,008.87.

Placepot: £31.20. Quadpot: £18.60.

### Perth

Going: good to firm

2.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Smart Approach (P Niven, 4-1); 2, Antarctic Wind (20-1); 3, Jubran (9-2). Rushen Raider 11-10 fav. 7 ran. 6l, 3½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £4.40. DF: £27.00. CSF: £55.03.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, Blue Charm (A Maguire, 4-1); 2, To Be The Best (2-1 fav); 3, Reve de Valse (5-1). 7 ran. 7l, 4l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £11.70.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Peggy Gordon (Mrs A Farrell, 12-1); 2, Able Player (10-1); 3, Tashreef (14-1). Bourdonner 6-5 fav. 7 ran. NR: Highland Park. 10l, ¾l. Mrs D Thomson. Tote: £16.90; £3.70, £3.10. DF: £45.00. CSF: £97.80. Tricast: £1,338.43.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Forward Glen (R Supple, 20-1); 2, Solo Gent (10-3); 3, Blacrack (10-1). Rebel King 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 6l, 5l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £16.30; £2.30, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £41.20. Trio: £128.30. CSF: £77.61. Tricast: £638.29.

4.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Brodessa (P Niven, 11-10 fav); 2, Simand (10-1); 3, Parish Walk (20-1). 8 ran. 7l, 1¾l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.00, £5.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £11.94.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mithraic (L McGrath, 5-1); 2, Supertop (13-8 fav); 3, Dr Edgar (14-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 10l. W Cunningham. Tote: £10.20; £2.00, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £14.60. Trio: £38.90. CSF: £13.53.

Placepot: £1,130.20. Quadpot: £179.20.

☐ Richard Hughes yesterday lost his appeal against the two-day ban he received at Yarmouth last week. He must serve the suspension imposed for careless riding on Cor-

## Life Of A Lord dies in accident at Listowel

LIFE OF A LORD, one of the leading chasers in Ireland, was killed at Listowel yesterday. The ten-year-old was put down after shattering an off-fore fetlock joint in the Guinness Kerry National Handicap Chase. A crowd of around 15,000 watched in horror as Life Of A Lord, attempting to win the race for the second successive year, broke down in front of the stands with a circuit to go.

The jockey, Charlie Swan, was near to tears as he trudged back to the weighing room with the horse's saddle. "He meant a great deal to me — we had some great days together," he

## Carson stays in intensive care

DOCTORS attending Willie Carson have decided to keep him in intensive care. There were hopes that Carson could be transferred to another ward at the North Hampshire Hospital, in Basingstoke but, with his condition unchanged, he will remain in in-

"Mr Carson is staying in the intensive care unit until further notice," a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

The former champion jockey is being treated for serious liver injuries sustained when he was kicked in the stomach by Meshhed in the paddock at

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**FOOTBALL**

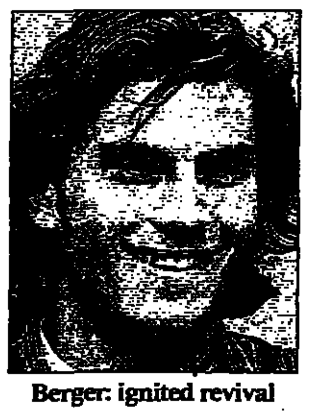
# Evans takes no chances with fringe benefits

By Peter Ball

TWO weeks ago Liverpool went to northern Finland still searching for their form and secured an unimpressive, if important, 1-0 victory. In the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup first-round fixture at Anfield tonight, My-Pa 47 are likely to encounter a team with only one change in personnel but which is almost unrecognisable from the one grinding out a result a fortnight ago.

Instead, they will meet a side in vibrant harmony, full of the movement and passing that has always carried the Anfield hallmark, capped by irresistible finishing.

The change came halfway through the match after the trip to Finland, a visit to Filbert Street, Leicester. It coincided with the arrival of Patrik Berger, their £3 million Czech Republic international, who was introduced as a replacement for Stan Collymore as Liverpool again struggled to find their form.



Berger: ignited revival

Berger announced himself with two goals, to take Liverpool to the top of the FA Carling Premiership. Last Saturday, after scoring another brace for his country in midweek, he claimed two more as Liverpool ran riot in a 5-1 win over Chelsea.

Repeating that score tonight may not be as easy as a glance at the comparative standings of the two sides would suggest. "The simple truth is there are no mugs left in Europe these days," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday.

My-Pa 47 are regarded as the most professional team in Finland — athletic, well-organised and competitive. Having set out on their own compact little ground to stop Liverpool rather than making the running themselves — and making no apologies for the approach — they are unlikely to go for the jugular tonight.

"All teams are very well organised, but some are not so much organised to beat you, but organised to stop you beating them," Evans said. "I envisage a similar sort of game to the one out there. They won't come out and attack us, I know that."

This scenario may make for a dour match, but it is almost impossible to imagine anything other than a Liverpool victory. Evans, though, with typical Liverpool pragmatism, is taking no chances and he has resisted any temptation to give his fringe players a game.

Instead, provided Mark Wright and his defensive partner, Dominic Matteo, who has been one of their outstanding successes this season, pass fitness tests on knee injuries this morning, they will be unchanged from the weekend, giving the side a chance to continue their free-flowing football.

"I subscribe to the theory that if it ain't broke, don't fix it," Evans said. "We got a reasonable result out there, but it's not as though we are streets ahead. We have to have the attitude that we are up against a really top team."

His message would appear to have filtered through to the players. Jason McAteer, who spent his childhood on the Kop, witnessing some of Liverpool's great European exploits, is keeping a pragmatist's-eye-view on his first continental encounter on the hallowed turf.

"We have to try and get an early goal," he said. "That might just put them down in the dumps. Obviously, I can't wait for the game. It will be great to play at Anfield on a European night. The league has to be our priority, but lifting the Cup Winners' Cup would be a great bonus. It's an exciting time and a great team to play in."

MICHAEL URBAN

Hartson, of Arsenal, and Lupescu, of Borussia Mönchengladbach, tussle for possession in midfield during the second leg of their Uefa Cup first-round tie in Cologne yesterday. Report, page 48

# Royle rules out panic measures

**Peter Ball** on the aftermath of Everton's Coca-Cola Cup defeat against York City

THE wheels have started to come off with a vengeance for Everton. Their elimination from the Coca-Cola Cup at the hands of York City on Tuesday night means that they have not won a match since the opening day of the season, and leaves them looking up from the lower reaches of the FA Carling Premiership to see Liverpool, of all teams, sitting at the top.

At Bootham Crescent, Everton were beaten by a team playing better football as well as possessing more passion — and by a team which has only two wins in the Nationwide League second division. "We had eight internationals who just couldn't cope with what York City had to offer," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said yesterday.

After the game — York won 3-2 for a 4-3 aggregate second-round victory — Royle had been even more blunt but, by yesterday, a night of reflection had seen him adopt a more positive mood. "We simply haven't been ourselves in the last six games," he said, "but that doesn't wreck everything that has gone before. In just under two years we've avoided relegation, won the FA Cup and finished sixth in the Premiership. This is the first really bad spell."

That record should ensure that Royle's plea for patience is answered by the supporters, but he is certain to come under increasing pressure to move into the transfer market. "This is not the time to panic," he said. "I am looking to buy new players, but the ones I want simply aren't available at the moment, so I shall keep looking, and keep ringing other managers."

Royle, apparently, has decided that Dean Holdsworth, the Wimbledon forward, does not meet his requirements after all, but with his strike force down to the bare bones, he may yet be forced to reconsider.

Duncan Ferguson will miss the next three games. The Scotland striker had an exploratory operation on a knee on Tuesday, and although it revealed that there was no need for surgery on the cartilage, he will now miss both of Scotland's World Cup qualifying games in the next two weeks, and the Premiership match against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. To add to Royle's problems, Paul Rideout was sent for a scan yesterday, and will also miss that game.

Alan Little, the York manager, could meanwhile delight in his side's performance, although it was tinged with concern. Little was left to wonder how a side capable of playing as well as they had done could be struggling in the league.

Paul Stephenson, once a colleague of Paul Gascoigne in the Newcastle United youth team, and Graeme Murty enjoyed great success against Everton's international full backs, while Gary Bull and Neil Tolson, in Little's words, "got a lot of joy out of their central defenders". With their ability, York should be running riot in the second division.

"I can't explain it, but I've got to get some consistency of performance out of them," Little said, with the game against Gillingham on Saturday more important in his eyes than the draw for the Coca-Cola Cup third round last night.

Like Royle, David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, had to come to terms with defeat against Nationwide League opposition in Oxford United, who won 2-1 on aggregate. "This was our fourth game in eight days and one or two players looked jaded," he said. "But all credit to Oxford. They battled well."

# Barcelona warned to take nothing for granted

By Our Sports Staff

BOBBY ROBSON has warned his Barcelona side against complacency before the return leg of the Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie against AEK Larnaca in Cyprus tonight.

The former England manager, who won the Uefa Cup while in charge of Ipswich in 1981, is hoping his team does not pay for the catalogue of missed chances during the first leg in the Nou Camp two weeks ago.

The Spanish giants were 2-0 winners and are expected to go through without mishap, but they will be taking nothing for granted. "We must not lose this game," Robson said. "The first goal will be very important. In the first leg we should have scored four or five goals and I think we'll do that in Larnaca."

Barcelona, three-time winners of the Cup Winners' Cup and one of only four sides to have won all three European club competitions, are without Josep Guardiola, the Spain midfield player, Juan Pizzi, the striker, and the defender, Sergi Barjuan, who are all injured.

Barcelona's fellow former European champions, Red Star Belgrade, Benfica and PSV Eindhoven, are also involved in second-leg action. Red Star are 1-0 down but home advantage in front of a crowd expected to be near 100,000 could help them through against Kaiserslautern.

The Germans, who were relegated in their domestic cup-winning season, still have two key players from the Czech Republic team which was beaten in the final of Euro 96, the striker, Pavel Kuka, and the defender, Miroslav Kadlec. The latter is one of several injury doubts.

Kaiserslautern are attempting to become the first German second-division side to reach the second round in European competition.

Benfica visit Ruch Chorzow, of Poland, with a 5-1 lead, while PSV are level at 1-1 with Dynamo Batumi, of Georgia, going into their home leg.

Nîmes are on the verge of becoming the first French third-division side to progress beyond the first round in Europe as they defend a 3-1 lead against Kispest Honved in Hungary. Their compatriots, Paris Saint-Germain, the holders, are at home to Vaduz, with a 4-0 lead from the first leg.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### Uefa Cup

**First round, second leg**

B M'GLADBACH (1) 3 ARSENAL (1) 2
Juskowiak 23, 90 Wright 42
Effenberg 74 Merson 49
(Borussia Mönchengladbach win 6-4 on agg)

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 1 United Arab Emirates 0 (at Wodzislaw Slaski)

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: First round: Aldenham 1 Hampton 4; Bolton 6 Brentwood 0; Eton 2 Winchester 0, Haileybury 3 Batley 0, Wellingborough 2 Latymer Upper 1; Westminster 1 Lancing 3

**Tuesday's late results**

UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Barry Town 3 Aberdeen 3 (Aberdeen win 6-4 on agg); Halmstads 2 Newcastle 1 (Newcastle win 5-2 on agg); Helsingborgs IF 0 Aston Villa 0 (1-1 on agg; Helsingborgs win on away goal). Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 1 AS Roma (It) 3 (Roma win 6-1 on agg). AS Monaco 3 Hutnik Cracow (Pol) 1 (Monaco win 4-1 on agg); Boavista (Por) 1 OB Odense (Den) 2 (4-4 on agg; Boavista win on away goals). Besiktas (Tur) 3 RWD Molenbeek (Bel) 0 (Besiktas win 3-0 on agg); Olympiakos (Gr) 2 Ferencvaros (Hun) 2 (Olympiakos win 5-3 on agg); Silkeborg (Den) 1 Spartak Moscow (Russ) 2 (Spartak win 5-3 on agg). Metz (Fr) 1 Tirol Innsbruck (Austria) 0 (Metz win 1-0 on agg); Lyngby (Den) 0 FC Bruges (Bel) 2 (FC Bruges win 3-1 on agg). Sporting Lisbon (Por) 1 Montpellier (Fr) 0 (Sporting win 2-1 on agg). Anderlecht (Bel) 4 Alania Vladikavkaz (Russ) 0 (Anderlecht win 5-2 on agg); Neuchâtel Xâmax (Switz) 2 Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 1 (Neuchâtel win 2-1 on agg); Feyenoord (Holl) 1 CSKA Moscow (Russ) 1 (Feyenoord win 2-1 on agg); Internazionale (It) 1 Guingamp (Fr) 1 (Internazionale win 4-1 on agg): Lazio (It) 1 Lens (Fr) 1 (Lazio win 2-1 on agg). SC Aarau (Switz) 0 Brondby (Den) 2 (Brondby win 7-0 on agg); Legia Warsaw (Pol) 2 Panathinaikos (Gr) 0 (4-4 on agg; Warsaw win on away goals); Bayern Munich (Ger) 1 Valencia (Sp) 0 (Valencia win 3-1 on agg); Español (Sp) 1 Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) 0 (Español win 3-2 on agg); Vitória Guimarães (Por) 2 Parma (It) 0 (Guimarães win 3-2 on agg).

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Birmingham City 0 Coventry City 1 (Coventry win 2-1 on agg); Blackburn Rovers 2 Brentford 0 (Blackburn win 4-1 on agg); Bolton Wanderers 3 Bristol City 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min; Bolton win 3-1 on agg): Burnley 1 Charlton Athletic 2 (Charlton win 6-2 on agg); Carlisle United 2 Port Vale 2 (Port Vale win 3-2 on agg). Colchester 0 Huddersfield Town 2 (aet; 0-0 after 90min; Huddersfield win 3-1 on agg): Crystal Palace 4 Bury 0 (Crystal Palace win 7-1 on agg); Darlington 0 Leeds United 2 (Leeds win 4-2 on agg). Gillingham 1 Barnsley 0 (aet; 0-0 after 90min; Gillingham win 2-1 on agg). Hereford 0 Middlesbrough 3 (Middlesbrough win 10-0 on agg); Ipswich Town 4 Fulham 2 (Ipswich win 5-3 on agg); Manchester City 0 Lincoln City 1 (Lincoln win 5-1 on agg); Northampton Town 1 Stoke City 2 (aet; 1-0 after 90min, Stoke win 3-1 on agg); Oxford United 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0 (Oxford Utd win 2-1 on agg); Sheffield United 2 Stockport 5 (Stockport win 7-3 on agg); Sunderland 1 Watford 0 (Sunderland win 3-0 on agg); Tranmere Rovers 0 Oldham Athletic 1 (Oldham win 3-2 on agg); Wycombe Wanderers 1 Nottingham Forest 1 (aet; 1-0 after 90min; Forest win 2-1 on agg); York City 3 Everton 2 (York win 4-3 on agg)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Walsall 0 Wrexham 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 0 Kidderminster 3; Farnborough 2 Bromsgrove 1; Halifax 0 Telford 3; Hayes 1 Welling 1; Rushden and Diamonds 0 Stevenage 1; Slough 1 Kettering 1, Woking 1 Dover 1

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: St Johnstone 1 Airdrie 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge 1 Knowsley 2; Buxton 0 Leek 2; Chorley 6 Witton 1; Guiseley 1 Boston 0; Marine 1 Barrow 1; Spennymoor 0 Blyth Spartans 2. First division: Atherton LR 2 Gretna 0; Flixton 5 Harrogate Town 0; Lincoln United 4 Matlock Town 1, Netherfield 0 Leigh 3, Radcliffe 3 Curzon Ashton 1; Stocksbridge PS 3 Bradford Park Avenue 2; Workington 2 Whitley Bay 1

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 3 Hastings 3; Atherstone 1 King's Lynn 1; Burton 0 Halesowen 0; Chelmsford 2 Baldock 3; Cheltenham 1 Dorchester 1; Crawley 2 Salisbury 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Cambridge City 1; Merthyr 1 Gloucester 0; Sudbury 1 Sittingbourne 3

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2 Dagenham and Redbridge 0, Boreham Wood 1 Chertsey 2; Enfield 1 Hitchin 0; Heybridge Swifts 2 Kingstonian 1; Staines 1 Oxford City 2; Yeading 3 Grays 0. First division: Billericay 2 Aldershot Town 2; Canvey Island 1 Basingstoke 1, Leyton Pennant 2 Walton and Hersham 2; Tooting and Mitcham 1 Maidenhead United 5; Uxbridge 1 Berkhamsted 0; Whyteleafe 1 Hampton 0 Second division: Banstead 2 Tilbury 3; Barking 1 Witham 0; Chalfont St Peter 3 Ware 2; Cheshunt 4 Dorking 2; Hemel Hempstead 0 Bracknell 4, Horsham 4 Wembley 2; Hungerford 2 Bedford Town 3; Leatherhead 2 Collier Row and Romford 2, Metropolitan Police 2 Egham 1; Windsor and Eton 2 Edgware 2; Wivenhoe 2 Leighton 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 1 Wimbledon 4

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford 3 Mansfield 1, Grimsby 4 Hull 2. Third division: Chester 2 Doncaster 4.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chipstead 0 Ashford 0; Raynes Park Vale 2 Merstham 1

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord 7 Basildon 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 3 Billingham Synthonia 5, Dunston Federation 1 Durham 3 Morpeth 3 RTM Newcastle 4, Tow Law 5 Whickham 1; West Auckland 2 Easington 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Blorwich 2 Chasetown 1, West Midlands Police 0 Pelsall Villa 1

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover 3 Bournemouth 2, Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2 Christchurch 0

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 2 Atherton Collieries 0, Bootle 3 Rossendale 0, Darwen 4 Mossley 3 Glossop North End 0 Kidsgrove 0; Maine Road 0 Burscough 0; Trafford 1 Chadderton 0

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Glasshoughton Welfare 1 Brigg 1; Hatfield Main 2 Armthorpe Welfare 0; Hucknall 1 Ossett Albion 1; Liversedge 0 Maltby MW 2, North Ferriby 0 Selby 3; Ossett Town 2 Arnold 3. League cup: First round: Garforth 3 Winterton 1 Parkgate 0 Brodsworth MW 3

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater 3 Backwell 1; Odd Down 0 Paulton 4; Torrington 9 Elmore 0

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 4 Stamford 1; Cogenhoe 1 Ford Sports 3; Stotfold 3 Newport Pagnell 0; Wellingborough 3 Bourne 0

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Southwick 1 Wick 4

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham 0 Furness 0; Thamesmead 2 Sheppey 1, Whitstable 5 Lordswood 0

DOHA: World Cup qualifier: Asian Zone: Group ten: First round: Qatar 5 Philippines 0, India 1 Sri Lanka 1

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: First round: Isle of Wight 0 Gosport 1. Lowestoft 3 West Norfolk 0; South Tyneside 1 Sunderland 1 Tyne and Wear League: Under-14: Sunderland 0 Newcastle 0.

# Desolate Ellis counts cost of early fall from grace

**Russell Kempson** on how defeat tore a hole in the Villa chairman's pocket and in his heart

ON MONDAY, when the Aston Villa party arrived in southern Sweden for their Uefa Cup tie against Helsingborgs IF, Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, was given the full VIP treatment at the airport. Smiles, greetings all round and a stretch limousine for the ride into town.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, after Villa had returned beaten and bedraggled, Ellis cut a less jovial figure in the near-deserted baggage reclaim hall at Birmingham International. He looked all of his 71 years: his dreams shattered.

Villa's European exit, on the away goals rule after a 1-1 draw at home and a 0-0 draw at the Olympia Stadium on Tuesday evening, will prove costly. "We're looking at a minimum £250,000, possibly up to £500,000 if we had been paired with a big club in the next round," Ellis said. Costly for him, too. "I had a decent bet on us to reach the final," he said. "I got very good odds."

The loss of the windfalls was not his prime concern, though. "It's not the money, it really isn't that important," he said, his head bowed. "What hurts is the prestige that winning, and going on in the competition, would have brought to Aston Villa and the city of Birmingham. It really is the worst night I've ever had.

"I remember when the draw was first made, when we were paired with Helsingborgs. A lot of people from other clubs said, 'Oh, you should win that, you'll go through without any problems'. I wasn't so sure, I really wasn't."

In his 25 years as chairman, Ellis has experienced numerous highs and lows on the European stage. "I remember standing at an airport once, I don't recall where, but the supporters were booing us for losing. It's not that bad now, but it still feels bad." Ellis will not seek scapegoats, even though many of the players performed well below their capabilities and the patient, meticulous plan of Brian Little, the manager, was exposed, ultimately, as no more than an exercise in futility.

Had Alan Wright's rasping 30-yard drive, in the last minute, not been superbly tipped on to the crossbar by Sven Andersson, the Helsingborgs goalkeeper, Little would probably have been hailed as a master tactician. "I'll get over it, I suppose," Ellis said.

He also quashed suggestions that he might live up to his nickname of "Deadly" and, amid the ashes of defeat, consider Little's tenure. "That will not happen, I can assure you," he said. "I will not criticise my manager or my staff. I still have complete faith in them. Brian and I will sit down and have a quiet chat, that's all."

Little hid the pain better than Ellis. In the same measured tone in which he usually delivers his victory speeches, he said: "It was disappointing, we're all disappointed. We just couldn't break them down. We never really looked like scoring."

Quite why Villa were unable to penetrate the massed Helsingborgs ranks will haunt Little, and Ellis, for some time. For Reine Almqvist, the Helsingborgs coach, it was obvious.

"When English teams try to play English football, they have success," he said. "Now they try to play the European way, but they lack depth. They should not change. They should play the way they play in the Premiership."

# Prospect of sell-out at Wembley

GLENN HODDLE is set to reap the benefit of the euphoria generated during Euro 96 when England play Poland in a World Cup qualifying match on October 9. Wembley Stadium already looks likely to welcome a 76,000 sell-out crowd as more than half the tickets have already been sold to supporters eager to see Hoddle's first home match since he became the England coach.

Hoddle names his squad for the match today and the announcement is expected to prompt another rush for tickets. A spokesman for Wembley said: "We haven't seen interest like this for a very long time. Clearly, people want to see England after their performances in Euro 96. Everyone, it seems, is determined to get behind the three lions like they did during the summer.

"There is always an increase in demand for tickets after squads are announced so we would advise people to book now to avoid disappointment."

England began their World Cup qualifying campaign with a 3-0 win against Moldavia earlier this month as they seek to book their place in the 1998 finals in France.

# Newcastle's skills remain in splendid isolation

**David Maddock** on how Kevin Keegan's team must unite to succeed in Europe

IT IS, said Tom Prahl, the vanquished manager of Halmstads BK, all black and white with Newcastle United. They are either very, very good, or horrid, and there is nothing in between.

He has a point. The English club progressed comfortably enough to the Uefa Cup second round in Sweden on Tuesday night, winning 5-2 on aggregate. But their performance in the second leg did little to detract from the feeling that British clubs are not equipped to cope with the demands of European competition.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, was bitterly disappointed with the way his side performed in Sweden and he found difficulty in attempting to conceal his displeasure. It was clear that the emotive manager felt let down by his side — badly.

What frustrated Keegan most was the way in which his side appeared to ignore the lessons of their ill-fated European campaign of two seasons ago. Around £40 million further on and 24 months down the line, a maddening naivety was still in evidence as they lost the second leg from a seemingly invincible position.

"I'm just glad we didn't go there with only a slender lead to defend, because on that performance we couldn't have done it," Keegan said.

Keith Gillespie, the Newcastle winger, agreed. "It's fair to say we let the fans down," he said. "Perhaps we just thought that, because we were 4-0 up, it was going to be a canter, especially as we'd played reasonably well in the first clash."

It was left to Prahl, though, to offer some insight into the problems that still appear to afflict the English club.

He was the manager who engineered Blackburn Rovers' downfall in the Uefa Cup two seasons ago, when he was with Trelleborgs FF. English clubs, he believes, possess the potential to do well in Europe, but not yet the mentality. That, he said, applies particularly to Newcastle.

"They are a Jekyll-and-Hyde team," he said. "They can be a brilliant side, who could easily win the Uefa Cup if they play to their best. No one could match them if it all works out for them. But they are capable of playing very badly as well, and that is their contradiction.

"I think it is because they are not quite yet a team unit. They are still a collection of individuals who have not yet pulled together. The potential is there, but they probably need to be a bit more organised and disciplined. I think some of the players should try to fit a little better into the team structure."

That much could certainly be said of Faustino Asprilla, the Colombia international. He has immense natural talent, perhaps unrivalled in the FA Carling Premiership, but his inclinations seem anarchistic when it comes to team play.

Keegan hauled him off against Halmstads and he was a lonely figure on the subdued plane journey back, sitting as he was 17 rows behind the rest of the Newcastle players. All does not appear well with Asprilla and Keegan has, perhaps, a job on his hands assimilating him within his team framework. The same could apply to others, too, and unless it happens rapidly, Newcastle will not be emulating their Fairs Cup success of 1969 this season.

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**RUGBY UNION:** DALLAGLIO AND LEONARD MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED CARLING AS NATIONAL SQUAD GETS TO WORK

# Rowell keeps England captain under wraps

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JACK ROWELL loves to tease his audience and he did so again yesterday as, finally, an England squad assembled to train at Bisham Abbey. Yes, the next captain of England had been selected, the national coach said, but no, his name would not be revealed until clearance had been received from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and, more particularly, the dispute between the RFU and the English clubs had been resolved.

England are not scheduled to play an international until November 23, when they meet Italy, so Rowell has time to play with. But the man who succeeds Will Carling must be sure of his place in the team and that would appear to limit the choice to Lawrence Dallaglio in the back row or Jason Leonard in the front.

A popular favourite, Philip de Glanville, of Bath, must have known his chances were receding when Carling himself and Jeremy Guscott were restored to the squad this week. All three centres have played well this season but the motivation for the two older men — Carling and Guscott — could keep de Glanville among the replacements.

The attrition rate at Bisham was high: a dozen players littered the sidelines at one time or another, receiving attention from the growing army of doctors, physiotherapists and talent-spotters. Carling, though delighted to be back, was troubled by soreness to the Achilles tendon he damaged against Ireland last March, while Dallaglio and another captaincy candidate, Ben Clarke, were also resting.

MARC ASPLAND

Dallaglio, left, and Clarke, two candidates to succeed Carling, watch training from the sidelines with the last England captain, right, at Bisham Abbey yesterday

But the fact that the squad was there was enough for Rowell. Three weeks earlier, only one player, Robin Hardwick, the Coventry prop, had appeared for the scheduled training while the remaining squad members attended a meeting called by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc). "Our situation is a little unusual," Rowell acknowledged. "It's frustrating, at a time when the professional season has been launched in such an exciting way, that the England squad has not been able to train in a constructive way.

"We have selected a captain but it has not been cleared with the RFU, which it needs to be. We feel it would be invidious to appoint the man at the moment. He could get caught up in some crossfire and that wouldn't do him any good and it wouldn't do English rugby any good."

Australia have included five uncapped players in a 30-man party for their eight-week tour of Europe, which starts next month. David Campese, the veteran wing, is also named in the party. If selected, Campese will make his 100th international appearance in the match against Italy on October 23.

The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) yesterday repeated their threat to cancel the fixture against Wales, which had been added to the original itinerary, if accommodation cannot be found for a game with England as well in order to create a grand-slam tour. "If we are not given a fixture against England, then we will revert to our original itinerary and won't play Wales," an ARU spokesman said.

"There is no bluff in our argument. The ARU and the Australian players all want our side to have the opportunity to repeat the grand-slam tour of 1984. We have offered four or five alternatives to the home unions tours committee. We have agreed to change to accommodate Wales. Now we want them to agree to our request to play England."

Greg Smith, the Australia coach, said that, if the England match goes ahead, the squad would be increased to 32. The additional players would be the experienced forwards, Tim Gavin and Ewen McKenzie.

One Australian who will not be touring makes his debut on Saturday for Saracens at London Irish. Tony Daly, the prop who scored the only try of the 1991 World Cup final, follows his countryman, Michael Lynagh, into the Saracens colours.

☐ Orrell are prepared to take their quarrel with Llanelli over Frano Botica, the former New Zealand player, to the courts. Both clubs are laying claim to Botica, who originally agreed to play rugby league for Castleford in the Super League and union with Orrell for the next two winters. Geoff Lightfoot, an Orrell spokesman, said: "If they get away with this, it will create a precedent that will be very damaging to the game as a whole."

AUSTRALIA TOUR PARTY: J Eales (captain), A Blades, M Brial, M Burke, D Campese, M Caputo, M Connors, D Crowley, M Foley, D Giffin, G Gregan, R Harry, A Heath, D Herbert, T Horan, P Howard, T Kefu, D Knox, S Larkham, J Little, D Manu, G Morgan, S Payne, B Robinson, J Roff, R Tombs, B Tune, T Wallace, J Welborn, D Wilson

# Coventry get £1m backing

BY DAVID HANDS

ENGLISH rugby, in need of all the votes of confidence it can get, received one yesterday in the shape of a substantial investment at Coventry. Leander Investments Limited, the property development group, has agreed to put more than £1 million into the second-division club and plan a long-term connection that will put one of the great names of rugby back on its financial feet.

At a time when the club game is in chaos — amply illustrated on Tuesday by ITV's withdrawal from the Heineken Cup — and with sponsors dubious about any involvement before the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and their leading clubs have settled their differences, Leander has made a gesture of faith that the game will come to its senses before long.

That hope is clearly shared by Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, whose confidential letter to the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) — of which Coventry is one — suggesting specific financial measures as a way forward was leaked this week. "The clubs need financial independence and the RFU has recognised it can no longer exercise a benign dictatorship," Hallett said.

"We are not fighting a losing cause, we do recognise the reality of the business. If we don't recognise that, then the downside is not worth contemplating."

There was speculation in RFU circles yesterday that the Epruc management board may not have canvassed the views of member clubs as widely as Hallett's letter anticipated. It suggested elements of financial support for Epruc, including a percentage of the Twickenham gate money from internationals.

The withdrawal of ITV from the European tournament has shocked many clubs, English and Welsh, some of whose budgets were dependent upon income from broadcasting fees. Now, more than ever, seems to be a time for union and clubs to be working together, with Coventry perhaps providing a model in that Leander do not seek a controlling interest, but to act as a business partner.

David Duckham, the former Coventry and England threequarter, will become involved in club affairs as president-elect and Andrew Braddon, the joint managing director of Leander, envisages the flotation of the club, attracting further financial support and possibly removal from Coundon Road: "Discussions are going forward," Braddon said. "But wherever we go, it would have to be for the benefit of the people in Coventry."

Derek Eves, the Coventry player-coach, expressed his delight that the financial backing was now secure to bolster the promising start made on the field. "We will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season, but this will lift all the players," Eves said.

# French hand smooths path to unity

**David Hands** finds the Rugby Football Union looking to Paris for inspiration

If an amicable solution is eventually found to the dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs, a French hand will have helped to smooth the way. Already, Marcel Martin, the veteran French administrator, has played a significant part in putting the five nations' championship back together and he has helped to bring together differing factions over the past few days.

He welcomed an RFU delegation to Paris last Thursday for discussions on the French solution to differences between clubs and their governing body, and, 24 hours later, sat in on a meeting to debate a common European calendar. The second meeting brought together rugby's traditional administrators and those who are the product of the newly-professionalised game, but it is already clear that the French clubs, however sympathetic they are to their English and Welsh counterparts, would take no part in a breakaway competition.

The French have achieved many of the objectives sought in England, but without disaffiliating from the Federation Francaise de Rugby (FFR). "We had 13 months of battle before the FFR entered into a dialogue with us," Seraphin Berthier, who attended the Friday meeting in London, said.

Berthier, from Grenoble, is the president of the newly-established Commission Nationale de Rugby d'Elite (CNRE) and he refers to the struggles for self-determination in England and Wales as part of the growing pains the professional game must endure.

Though discussions are still going on, the CNRE (which represents the top 40 clubs in France) is now established as an internal commission of the federation. As such, it has the power to organise competitions at all levels for the clubs, to sign sponsorship and television agreements and organise the distribution of revenue. They are able, with the agreement of the FFR, to renegotiate deals already struck by the federation.

Berthier acknowledges that present arrangements over revenue are unsatisfactory. "We are happy with the amounts of money available but not with the percentages," he said.

The clubs take 60 per cent and the federation 40 per cent, whereas Berthier believes a ratio nearer 85-15, in the clubs' favour, would be better, though that clearly leaves room for negotiation.

However, the CNRE has already helped to reshape the national knockout competition. Like England, the French do not believe in a provincial tier of competition, between club and country, lacking as that concept does a traditional or cultural base; instead, the du Manoir tournament has been revamped as the new Coupe de France.

"We would encourage our players to take part in friendly competitions outside France [such as the four-team tournament at Leicester last month, where Agen were the winners] but only with the authority of the FFR," Berthier said. "We will never accept an unofficial European Cup, for example.

"In rugby, we have the pyramid beneath the top division and, if you cut yourself off from the pyramid — by leaving the federation — you reach the situation of rugby league, which has no grass roots. We have to operate within the structure."

Berthier refers to the cultural shock caused by the introduction of professionalism in a country where, according to the running joke, the players were the best-paid amateurs for the past 70 years. "But I'm confident sanity will prevail and clubs and unions will eventually make peace," he said.

IN BRIEF

## Ivanisevic defeated as he errs indoors

GORAN IVANISEVIC, the No 2 seed, was the most notable casualty on a bad day for the leading players at the Swiss indoor tennis championships in Basle yesterday.

In his first tournament since losing to Pete Sampras in the semi-finals of the US Open, Ivanisevic was beaten 7-6, 6-4 by the German qualifier, David Prinosil. "I've just come back from the Davis Cup on clay and only had one day to practise on this surface," Ivanisevic said. "It was difficult because he had already played in three qualifying rounds, so it might have been easier to have played someone else."

Thomas Enqvist, the No 5 seed, lost 6-1, 7-6 to another qualifier, Olivier Delaitre, of France, while Mark Philippoussis, the Australian No 7 seed, was beaten 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 by Jonas Bjorkman.

## Standing down

**Rugby union:** The five-man Newbridge coaching staff resigned en bloc yesterday in the wake of the club's dreadful start to the Welsh League season. The coaching co-ordinator, Roger Powell, team manager Keith James, fitness adviser Alan Rockliffe, and coaches Mike Gray and Gerry Lewis, stood down after their resignation was accepted by the rugby committee.

Newbridge are bottom of the first division, with only one win from six games this season, and have conceded 197 points in their past three league matches.

## Lucky Lamy

**Motor racing:** Pedro Lamy, the Portuguese driver, escaped unhurt after wrecking his Minardi-Ford Formula One car during testing at the Estoril circuit. Lamy lost control and slammed into rails at a bend. Further testing was halted until the rails were repaired.

## Briton balked

**Billiards:** Roxton Chapman, from Peterborough, the world No 5, suffered a surprise second-round defeat in the world championship in Bombay when he was beaten 1,276-1,035 by Ashok Shandilya, of India. Chapman failed to overhaul the lead that Shandilya had built in the opening session, despite a break of 234.

## Top seed rallies

**Tennis:** Chris Wilkinson, the No 1 seed, won a 34-point tie-break to beat Alexy Gavrilov, of Russia, 6-4, 7-6 in the first round of the LTA autumn satellite tournament at Telford. The British No 4, who produced an ace to convert his sixth match point, now meets Barry Cowan, of Lancashire.

## Backing out

**Boxing:** Neville Brown, the British middleweight champion, has been forced to pull out of his challenge for the European title against Alexander Zaitsev, of Russia, in Derby next Tuesday, because of a back injury. Frank Warren, the promoter, will try to find an alternative opponent.

## Unlucky break

**American football:** Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins quarterback, is expected to be out of action for a month after undergoing surgery on a fractured right ankle yesterday.

## Super move

**Boxing:** Paea Wolfgramm, the Tongan who won a silver medal at super-heavyweight at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, has turned professional.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 7 Pittsburgh 1. Cincinnati 6 Chicago 3. Montreal 6 Philadelphia 2. Florida 12 Atlanta 1. New York 4 Houston 0. Los Angeles 6 San Francisco 2. Colorado 5 San Diego 4 (11 innings)
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas 7 Oakland 3. Boston 13 Baltimore 8. Cleveland 7 Minnesota 5. Toronto 4 Detroit 1. Chicago 3 Kansas City 2. California 11 Seattle 6

### BILLIARDS

BOMBAY: Gold Flake world championship (India unless stated): First round: G Sethi bt R Shah 1563pts-860; S Multani bt E Hughes (Ire) 1623-704; B Close (Eng) bt B Bhaskar 946-897; C Shutt (Eng) bt S Agrawal 1603-1212; R Chapman (Eng) bt A Savur 2340-389; A Shandilya bt C Shah 1774-681; A Kumar bt M Ferreira 1122-1086; N Patel bt R Foldvari (Aus) 810-768; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt S Naisby (Eng) 1855-736; R Williams (Eng) bt S Amarnath 1282-652; I Williamson (Eng) bt M Kothari 836-605; D Causier (Eng) bt M G Jayaram 2250-1055; A Agrawal w/o N Dagley (Eng) scr; D Joshi bt S Hardcastle (Eng) 1350-1045; M Wildman (Eng) bt D Akolkar 1148-755; M Russell (Eng) bt M Rehani 1965-940. Second round: Gilchrist bt Williams 1422pts-685; Sethi bt Multani 1670-825; Shandilya bt Chapman 1276-1035; Shutt bt Close 1539-954; Causier bt Williamson 1242-740; Russell bt Wildman 1989-915; Kumar bt Patel 1504-959; Joshi bt A Agrawal 1306-1155

### BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Travelsphere EWBA Top Club championship: Semi-finals: West Cornwall bt North Walsham 3-1. Milton Regis bt Lincoln Park Ladies 3-1. Final: West Cornwall bt Milton Regis 3-1 (West Cornwall names first: Singles: N May bt A Dennis 21-9. Pairs: J Smith and J Lewis bt S Pamplin and Y Wallington 18-17. Triples: J Beckerleg bt K Wood 18-10. Fours: V Ireland lost to R Nicholls 13-16)

### CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Eighteenth stage: (219km, Benasque to Zaragoza) 1, D Konyshev (Russ, Aki-Gipiemme) 5hr 41min 24sec; 2, B Hamburger (Den, TVM); 3, G Bugno (It, MG-Technogym) both same time; 4, P Valoti (It, Cantina Tollo) a 2sec; 5, S Smelanine (Russ, Santa Clara-Sama) at 5min 7sec; 6, P Chanteur (Fr, Petit Casino) same time. Overall positions: 1, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) 82hr 31min 26sec; 2, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) at 1min 10sec; 3, L Dufaux (Switz, Lotus) 5:17; 4, R Pistore (It, MG-Technogym) 7:12; 5, G Totschnig (Austria, Polti) 8.34; 6, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei GB) 8:51; 7, S Faustini (It, Aki-Gipiemme) 9:09; 8, D Rebellin (It, Polti) 9:42

### GOLF

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Qualifying rounds: Beaconsfield: 232: St Edward's, Oxford. 240: Eton College, Tomlinscote, Camberley. Haverfordwest: 223: Neath College. 232: Milford Haven. 238: Gorseinon College. Lancaster: 229: Haslingden HS. 241: Lancaster Royal. 244: Queen Elizabeth Grammar, Penrith. Abergele and Pensarn: 246: Yale College, Wrexham. 250: Ysgol Y Creuddyn, Llandudno. 253: Ysgol Morgan Llwd.

259: Verulam, St Albans. 261: Mill Hill. Inverness: 227: Lossiemouth HS. 240: Grantown GS. 256: Inverness HS.

### ICE HOCKEY

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: TPS Turku (Fin) 6 Manchester Storm 0.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Tour match

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PNG President's XIII: Tries: Itam, Tiu. Great Britain: Tries: Bradbury, Hammond, Lowes, Senior, Smith 2. Goals: Prescott 5

*(at Mount Hagen)*

### RUGBY UNION

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 2B: Treorchy 8 Orrell 16
SCHOOLS MATCH: RHS Holbrook 5 Perse 11

### SNOOKER

MOTHERWELL: Regal Masters: First round: A McManus (Scot) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-2; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-3.

### SQUASH

LEEDS: Gold Cup invitation championship: Final: P Hargrave (Derbyshire) bt P Lord (Cheshire) 10-9, 10-9, 4-9, 9-3.

### TENNIS

BASLE: Men's tournament: First round: M Larsson (Swe) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; L Roux (Fr) bt C Woodruff (US) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; T Haas (Ger) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 7-6, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; M Göllner (Ger) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-7 6-4; J Novak (Cz) bt F Veglio (Sp) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-1, 7-6; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; M Tillstroem (Swe) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 7-6, 7-5; P Korda (Cz) bt R Reneberg (US) 7-5, 6-4; D Prinosil (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 6-4
PALERMO: Men's tournament: First round: C Moya (Sp) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-3, 7-6; J Burillo (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; J Van Herck (Bel) bt G Blanco (Sp) 7-5, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt H Jan Davids (Holl) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; A Berasategui (Sp) bt K Goossens (Bel) 3-5, ret; K Alami (Mor) bt O Camporese (It) 6-3, 6-3
TELFORD: Satellite tournament (GB unless stated): J Barnett bt G Saftery 6-4, 6-2; N Gould bt B Kokavec (Can) 6-2, 6-4; F Rova (Swe) bt C Wall 6-0, 6-3; P Robinson bt L Gloria (US) 6-2, 7-6; R Koenig (SA) bt N Watts 6-0, 6-1; O Fukarek (Cz) bt I Bates 7-5, 6-1; D Draper bt W Herbert 6-0, 6-1; D Vera (Fr) bt M Wyeth 6-4, 7-5; J Fox bt C Beecher 6-3, 6-4; C Wilkinson bt A Gavrilov (Russ) 6-4, 7-6; B Cowan bt S Pender 7-5, 7-6; T Spinks bt D Ward 6-4, 6-4; A Richardson bt C Singer (USA) 7-5, 6-3; A Parmar bt N Weal 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. Women: First round: H Van Aalderen (Holl) bt A Moginicka (Pol) 6-0, 6-2; I Komienko (Russ) bt J Dawson 6-2, 6-2; J Wood bt T Karsten (Ger) 6-2, 6-0; J Pullin bt L Latimer 6-4, 6-2; K Markovski (Yug) bt J Choudhury 6-1, 6-4; T Samara (US) bt C Lyte 6-2, 7-5; A Janos bt K Ptaszek (Den) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; K Cross bt K Roubanova 6-3, 7-6; L Ogan bt J Parekh (India) 6-3, 6-2; H Matthews bt A Burton (Aus) 6-2, 6-0; N Egorova (Russ) bt F Hearn 6-0, 6-0; E Bond bt L Perkins 6-0, 6-1; L Woodroffe bt E Voropaeva (Russ) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; H Laupa (Est) bt N Woodhouse 1-6, 7-5, 6-2; L Ahl bt E Langley 6-1, 6-1; S Tse bt J White 6-2, 6-2

### POOLS DIVIDENDS

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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*

European Cup Winners' Cup
First round, second leg:
Liverpool (1) v MyPa-47 (0) (7.45)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Chelsea (7.15); Luton v Bristol City (2.0)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Bolton (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester United (7.0). First division: Blackpool v Huddersfield (7.0)
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Deal
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: First round: Bath and

Down FC, 2.30); Chester v Lincoln (at Chesterfield FC), East Cornwall v Bridgewater (at Saltash School, 3.30); Mid Somerset v Plymouth (at Street FC, 3.0); Kettering and Corby v South Northants (at Rothwell FC, 7.30)

### OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Smurfit European Open (in Dublin)
ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Newcastle v Nottingham (7.30); Basingstoke v Sheffield (8.0).
SNOOKER: Regal Masters (at Motherwell).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Coventry (7.30); London v Long Eaton (7.30). Conference League: Sheffield v Buxton (7.45).
TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (at

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# The curse of football's assistant referee

BRYANT'S EYE

DAVE KENDALL

Royle requests an explanation from Ferguson, sent off after falling foul of the referee over his language

It is confusing enough for the casual football spectator that the clubs keep changing the team kit — but now the authorities have started changing the vocabulary.

This season, those much-shouted-at flag carriers who puff up and down the touchlines are no longer the linesmen; since July 1, they have been grandly styled "assistant referees". And when they step in to discipline some foul-mouthed player for a string of expletives, they do so not for old-fashioned swearing, but for "industrial language".

So what on earth is going on? And can we hope that a change in vocabulary can do anything to improve the game?

This strange, new and many would say unnecessary term for linesmen has been foisted on football by Fifa, the world governing body, and has been greeted with derision and disbelief. The former World Cup referee, Clive Thomas, for instance, said: "It's typical interference in the game. It's all about political correctness. They are trying to find a term acceptable to everyone.

"I'm not against women being linesmen — they would be better than most blokes I had. But they shouldn't need to change it. What's the point?"

Presumably, by relaunching the humble old linesman with a fancy new description such as assistant referee, the football authorities are trying to tell us something. The new title implies greater responsibility, and the new assistant referees no doubt hope that it will win them greater respect. But it is going to take more than a change in label to put a stop to the abuse that has traditionally been hurled at the linesman by players and spectators alike.

What really needs changing is not the vocabulary, but the attitude and behaviour of professional players. They need a lot more respect for the rules and spirit of the game. It is a sorry judgment on the state of professional football that a game that was originally seen as self-regulating now apparently needs to be policed by no fewer than three referees.

The rot set in a long time ago, but the history of football might suggest that what we need is not more refereeing, but less. In their infancy, most of our sports got by with no referees or umpires at all. When the laws of football were first kicked into shape by the Victorians, it was generally presumed that any infringements would occur only by accident. So a player handling the ball or tripping an opponent would politely back off and hand the ball to his accidental victim.

Any dispute would be quickly settled by the rival captains, and no need was seen for neutral officials until the first contests for the FA Cup in 1872. Two umpires were then introduced, one for each half of the field, and they could call on a referee if they should happen to disagree.

It was not until 1895 that the referee, by this time armed with a whistle, took control of the game, and the umpires were downgraded to linesmen. Referees were given the power to caution or even send off a player, but the game was still largely policed by the captains.

The attitudes to penalty kicks show how much the game has changed. When the penalty was introduced in 1891, there were many who were horrified because it implied a deliberate foul. It was scorned and treated with contempt by those in the public school tradition, with players refusing to recognise the rule's existence. As late as the 1920s there were some amateur teams who were so shamed at conceding a penalty that they would order their goalkeeper to step aside and offer their opponents an empty net.

The days of such sportsmanship are sadly long gone, and the game is now riddled with enough professional fouls and bad language to keep any referee and a whole squad of assistants busy patrolling the action. The trouble is that extra policing relentlessly leads to extra punishment, and this season has already seen a whole pack of red and yellow cards tumbling from the pockets of referees urged on by their newly-promoted assistants.

What is needed from the team of referees is not more cautions, but more consistency and common sense — and it seems unlikely that we will get that by running each game under the control of a committee of referees.

There was much anger from the Everton manager, Joe Royle, when Duncan Ferguson was sent off at the weekend by David Elleray for swearing. Royle's complaint was that the rules are being enforced inconsistently. He believes that other referees in the FA Carling Premiership might have chosen to ignore Ferguson's "industrial language" and allowed play to continue.

> 'It is going to take more than a change in label to put a stop to the abuse'

Royle may have a point. While no one would condone verbal assaults on a referee, it would be stupid not to realise that a certain amount of cursing could always be found on a football pitch. If swearing out of earshot of the referee can be picked up by the ears of an assistant and penalised with a sending-off, we may find half the players missing and games abandoned.

The commonsense view is that you can have only one man controlling a game of football — one referee and one whistle. It is bad enough at most matches these days with half the spectators and practically all of the commentators reckoning that they can second-guess the referee's decisions. A couple of extra referees on the touchline, eager to make their mark, is hardly likely to improve the flow of the game. They should stick to waving their flags and take pride in their job, and their name, as linesmen.

"Assistant referees" may sound grand, but you cannot have a whistle blown by committee.

JOHN BRYANT

RADIO CHOICE

# Done in the name of fun

**A World Tonight Special: Can't You Take a Joke?** *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Sexual harassment and gender discrimination of policewomen by male colleagues is no joke. Yet in this *World Tonight Special*, Janet Cohen reveals that horseplay and banter increasingly pass for a joke among male officers. More than that, Cohen says, they regard such behaviour as part of the camaraderie that binds them together. In itself, it is not a grimly statistical fact that, compared with a few years ago when one in ten police officers was a woman, the proportion is now one in seven. But the more women in the force, the more danger of harassment. Some of the "jokes" played on policewomen are hard to believe. So do the intimidation tactics faced by women who take their cases to complaints tribunals, and those male officers brave enough to support them.

**John Shuttleworth's Open House.** *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*

It's just possible you won't think there's anything particularly funny about Graham Fellows's impersonation of the hopeful and hopeless pop star *John Shuttleworth* and his *alter egos*, including his wife Mary, his next-door neighbour Ken Worthington and the singing poet Hovis Presley, whose prospects are, at best, dim. I am now getting used to, and enjoying, the down-to-earth madness of John Shuttleworth and Co. Fellows writes the scripts, and plays all the parts. Quite a feat. He could achieve it just as well if he stopped making irritating clucking noises so often.

**Peter Davalle**

## RADIO 1

**FM Stereo 6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

## RADIO 2

**FM Stereo. 6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett. With music from Peter Moss and the Huddliners **7.30** David Allan. The best in country music **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Scratching a Living **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove **3.00** Steve Madden

## RADIO 5 LIVE

**5.00am** Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** The Thursday Match Coverage of the European Cup Winners' Cup match between Liverpool and My-Pa 47 which kicks off at **7.45** **10.00** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night

## TALK RADIO

**5.00am** Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf. *Tender is the Night* (19/20) **8.30** Network UK **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.05** Business **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf: *Tender is the Night* (19/20) **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Islam, Faith and Power **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack. X Press **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Islam, Faith and Power **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Soundbyte **12.30** Rock Salad **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

## CLASSIC FM

**4.00am** Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Mozart (Oboe Concerto in C major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Turina (Guitar Concerto Op 61) **7.00** Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Gershwin (Let 'Em Eat Cake, Rhapsody in Blue); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 5 in A minor); Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F, Op 90) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

## VIRGIN RADIO

**6.00am** Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

## RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air.** Presented by Andrew MacGregor. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, K504; Flute Concerto in G, K313); Schumann (Six Songs, op 107); Beethoven (String Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4); Anon, arr Roberts (Canciones de Clarines); Liszt (Piano Sonata in B minor)

**9.00 Morning Collection,** with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Schmelzer (Sonata IV· Sonatae Unarum Fidium); Verdi (Ballet music: Macbeth); Khachaturian (Piano Concerto)

**10.00 Musical Encounters,** with Piers Burton-Page. Includes (Psyche: Act 3); Handel (Suite No 1 in B flat); Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Handel); Wagner (Love Duet: Siegfried, Act 3); Sauget (Plus Loin que la Nuit et le Jour); Beethoven (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind)

**12.00 Composers of the Week:** The Court of James VI

**12.30 Over the Borders.** Music in Europe during the time of James VI

**1.00pm We Must Get Together Some Time.** Gordon Stewart introduces excerpts from various ensembles, featuring operatic stars (3/3) (r)

**2.00 New from Brighton.** The Smith Quartet plays a programme of contemporary works including a new piece by one of the composers at the 1994 Brighton Festival Graham Fitkin (String Quartet No 1); Carl Vine (String Quartet No 3); Steve Martland (Patrol)

**3.45 The BBC Orchestras.** The BBC Scottish Symphony, under Niklas Willén. Larsson (*Pastoral Suite*); Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat); Beethoven (Romance No 2 in F); Ravel (Tzigane)

**5.00 Music Machine,** with Tommy Pearson

**5.15 In Tune,** with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Weber (Overture: Oberon); Barber (Agnus Dei); Grieg (Cello Sonata in A minor, Op 36)

**7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra** under Gunther Herbig Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber);

**9.00 Further Shades of Gray.** Spalding Gray continues his question and answer session with a Vancouver audience

**9.15 BBC Symphony Chorus** under Stephen Jackson. Elgar (Give unto the Lord: Psalm 29); Bingham (The Darkness is No Darkness); Wesley (Thou will keep him in perfect peace)

**10.00 Music Restored.** George Pratt introduces performances from the 1996 Early Music Festival (3/7)

**10.45 Night Waves.** As the Labour Party Conference approaches, Patrick Wright reports on the changing face of socialism and its place in British culture. Plus, has the bridge taken over from the tower block as the end-of-the-century's most powerful architectural icon?

**11.30 Composer of the Week: Dvořák** (r)

**12.30am Jazz Notes,** with Digby Fairweather

**1.00 Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod. Includes at **5.00** Sequence

## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.30** Today, incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.40** The Swiss Family Perelman, by S.J. Perelman **8.58** Weather

**9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts,** with John Waite (r)

**9.30 Common Ground.** Kate Ashbrook, chairwoman of the Ramblers Association, and Martin Gillibrand of the Moorland Association discuss walkers' rights in the countryside

**10.00 News: King Solomon's Carpet,** by Barbara Vine, adapted by Nick Fisher (1/4)

**10.30 Women's Hour**

**11.30 From Our Own Correspondent**

**12.00 News; You and Yours,** with Lesley Riddoch

**12.25pm Questions of Taste** **12.55** Weather

**1.00 The World at One**

**1.40 The Archers 1.55** Shipping Forecast

**2.00 News; Lost,** by Bob Hescott Four Jewish teenagers remember the night they were rounded up in Prague and kept in the town hall until they could be transported to Auschwitz

**3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift**

**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope** Paul Allen sees new productions of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and Ibsen's *A Doll's House*

**4.45 Short Story: The Maltese,** by Tom Reid. A provincial librarian's dull life is invigorated by an exotic woman

**5.00 PM,** with Chris Lowe and Peter Hunt **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

**6.00 Six O'Clock News**

**6.30 John Shuttleworth's Open House.** See Choice

**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**

**7.20 A World Tonight Special:** Can't You Take a Joke? See Choice (r)

**8.00 20/20: a View of the Century.** John Tusa continues his personal perspective on the last 100 years. This week he looks at freedom to express passion in public (r)

**8.45 The Writer's Day Out.** Michele Roberts launches a new series in which writers become reporters

**9.00 Does He Take Sugar?** The programme for people with disabilities. Presented by Frederick Dove

**9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather

**10.00 The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig

**10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Great Gatsby.** Sam Robards reads F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic, abridged by Neville Teller (4/10)

**11.00 Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter.** Mario Vargas Llosa's comic novel dramatised in six parts by Lee Hall. Mario and Julia's affair spirals out of control. With Tom Hollander, Siobhan Redmond, John Sessions and Alex Lowe (5/6)

**11.30 Offspring** (r)

**12.00 News,** incl **12.27am** approx Weather

**12.30 The Late Book: Amongst Women.** Tony Doyle reads John McGahern's story, Sheila weds (9/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast

**1.00 As World Service**

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RUGBY LEAGUE

# Larder gives thanks for Senior service

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| President's XIII | 8 |
| Great Britain XIII | 34 |

THE Great Britain rugby league team began their southern-hemisphere tour yesterday with a bruising 34-8 victory over a Papua New Guinea President's XIII.

After making a sluggish start — possibly induced by a morning flight into Mount Hagen and a last-minute dash to the ground after changing at a nearby hotel — they found their feet in the second half, running in five tries and conceding only one.

It was the defence that Phil Larder, the coach, singled out for praise amid a good all-round performance. "I was especially pleased with our two youngsters, Adrian Morley and Keith Senior," he said. Senior had a dream start, scoring in the first attack.

Dave Bradbury added another soon after, but matters then went awry. The home side fashioned a reply by Chris Itam. Senior had a try disallowed and Jon Roper fumbled when a score seemed likely. Roper's misfortune was compounded when he was sidelined by injury, to be followed by Neil Harmon.

The 10-4 interval lead was, however, rapidly improved as Tony Smith (twice), Barrie-Jon Mather, Karle Hammond and James Lowes ran in tries.

☐ Halifax Blue Sox have confirmed they will share Calderdale Sports Stadium with Halifax Town FC.

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *41*

**BASTINADO**

**(b) A punishment of oriental origin, in which the soles of one's feet are beaten. A useful term for waiters wishing to maintain their dignity with the female American tourist. When she palpates and rejects the third avocado, and in so doing casts hyperaudible aspersions on your integrity, you smile imperturbably, and ask: "Would Moddom perhaps prefer the Bastinado?"**

**GNOSIS**

**(c) Knowledge of spiritual truth and of a deeper wisdom that is concealed from the unilluminated who lack the necessary faith or insight. This is claimed by fraudulent visionaries from gnostics to scientologists. Ecclesiastical dignitary in hot discussion with agnostics on the *Today* programme: "Good heavens, my dear chap! What has happened to your gnosis?"**

**COCCYX**

**(b) The point you fall on when your feet slip forward from under you, as when you are wearing thongs on moss-covered mud. The small triangular bone at the bottom of the spinal column, called *coccyx* because it is shaped like the bill of a *kokkux* or Greek cuckoo. "Please, Miss, I've hurt my coccyx. Will you take a look at it for me?"**

**REFOCILLATION**

**(a) Total refreshment; revival or revitalisation. You stagger into the pub, collapse onto the bar stool immediately facing the bathycolpian barmaid (in the unlikely event of its being free) and groan. "Refocillate me!" Whether she understands you or not, there is some chance that you will achieve refocillation.**

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# Train delayed in Argentina, let's tango

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Buck Henry made rather a hit in last night's **Great Railway Journeys** (BBC2), but I am quite sure if I passed him in the street today I wouldn't know him. Quiet, curious, anonymous, and identifiable mainly by his baseball cap and circular specs (like a cartoon character), he made the perfect vicarious travelling companion. It helped, too, that his railway journey was a steam dream, ploughing south through Argentina, from the Andes to Patagonia, through misty pampas and snow-capped mountains, in wide chuffing locomotives along single tracks, with ochre dawn light flashing on the engine's side. Cor. Pass me that oxygen mask, Buck; I think I'm about to pass out.

The trouble with these railway journeys is not that event is contrived along the way, but that it's tiresomely presented as happenstance. For example, in Buenos Aires Buck's train is delayed by two days! Oh no! He turns up with ticket: the platform is empty. "Que pasa?" he asks (or something). Man with oily rag replies train is not running late, it's just running Friday. Buck retreats in defeat but instead of kicking cats he finds — well, lots of interesting, time-wasting things to do! He visits an Argentinian plastic surgeon, interviews mothers of "the disappeared", then attends a tango club, where he dances in his hat (I mean, with his hat on). Lucky that train was delayed, after all!

Along the way, he told an excellent story from a previous visit, re-enacting it with gusto. He had jumped into a cab in Buenos Aires, see, and the driver had taken him a short distance and then stopped. "Que pasa?" (or something) Buck had naturally inquired. "No petrol," shrugged the driver, "you'll have to get out." Buck stepped out of the cab, and handed a banknote through the window. "But this is an A-series note," complained the driver, "don't you have any B-series?"

At this point, just as the unnerved Buck was shuffling through a big wad of currency, an Argentinian businessman got into the cab and sat down. "No petrol," reported the driver, and they all shrugged together while Buck continued to shuffle through his money. "Can I help?" asked the businessman, reaching out. Gratefully, Buck handed him the notes ("After all, he was going nowhere"). At which point, of course, the cab drove off. "They did it so well I almost wanted to applaud."

Everything I watched last night seemed to concern men, machines and distinctive headgear — it began to feel like a bad dream. In **Decisive Weapons** *(BBC2), the much-loved* Bell-Huey helicopter of the Vietnam War was flown by men in cavalry hats: in **The Fred Dibnah Story** (BBC2), steeplejack Fred drove his steamroller wearing a flat cap so caked in oil that it had its own flash point. Dibnah's entertaining six-part story has reached the 1990s now, and he's a "new man", so to complement the chimney-fellings, we get Hoovering with the "little lads". But the best part was still the hat, so disgusting it made his head break out in lumps. "Scapula cappy-itis," his doctor diagnosed, and the cap hung on the bedpost, in disgrace.

Meanwhile *Decisive Weapons* told its story brilliantly — the whole Vietnam War as seen from a fast, low-flying helicopter, and without excessive recourse to "the Ride of the Valkyries" either. The Bell-Huey did everything — it transported men and supplies, fired rockets at gooks, removed the wounded and dead, and made an exciting woppa-woppa noise that nobody will ever forget. "We took them into trouble, and we got them out of trouble," said one former pilot. It sounded easy (but very stupid) put like that.

If America didn't win in Vietnam, the Bell-Huey was not to blame — except perhaps by carrying the journalists and camera crews. But it's easy to forget that the first days of Vietnam were very similar to the Gulf War: all gung-ho confidence in the equipment. "Just give us the grid coordinates," said the pilots, "and we'll finish the job." When America withdrew, Bell-Hueys were pushed off aircraft-carriers into the sea, and even without mournful music (Mahler is customary) the sight was surprisingly pathetic.

Not much headgear in **QED** (BBC1), thank goodness, but still an emotional tale of man and screwdriver. Two or three years ago, in a custom-built house on Eel Pie Island (on the Thames at Twickenham), sandy-moustached inventor Trevor Baylis set his mind to solving a problem: how to run a radio by clockwork. In South Africa, Aids information was not disseminating because people couldn't afford the batteries. In the twinkling of an eye, a ground-breaking invention was made. No steam came out of it; there was no woppa-woppa. But it was the most thoroughly useful machine we saw all evening.

Requiring no electricity or batteries, the clockwork radio is one of those boons to mankind (like the ever-lasting lightbulb) which are generally quashed by big business, but by various commercial miracles the "Baygen" radio is now in production in South Africa, and everyone is happy, including Nelson Mandela and HM the Queen. Baylis even won BBC Designer of the Year, so no wonder *QED* decided to update their original film. Just as affecting as the helicopters tipping into the waves was the moment when Baylis first saw his factory in Cape Town: a gleaming place with workers in a line, and his own invented radio coming out the end. What a wonderful thing to see. Overcome, he broke down in sobs, and so did I. His screwdriver had made a real difference to the world.

● *Matthew Bond is away*

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (12084)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (43355)
**9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (8164249)
**9.20 Style Challenge** (s) (3432633)
**9.45 Kilroy** (s) (1879249)
**10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (s) (89572)
**11.00 News**, regional news and weather (Teletext) (4151881)
**11.05 Liberal Democratic Conference 96.** Live coverage from Brighton of the final day of the conference (s). Includes News and weather at midday (32289268)
**1.00 News** and weather (Ceefax) (46442)
**1.30 Regional News** and weather (45811959)
**1.40 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (32189978) **2.00 Call My Bluff** (s) (6747171) **2.35 Turnabout** (s) (1383249) **3.00 The Terrace** (s) (2152)
**3.30 Little Bear** (s) (8237591) **3.55 The Chipmunks** (r) (s) (8660510) **4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde** (Ceefax) (s) (6739355) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4397626) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7470442) **5.10 Byker Grove** (Ceefax) (2183201)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (129220)
**6.00 News** and weather (Ceefax) (607)
**6.30 Regional news magazines** (959)
**7.00 Watchdog.** Consumer magazine hosted by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (4133)
**7.30 EastEnders.** Pat and Roy have some news for their families. (Ceefax) (s) (171)
**8.00 Animal Hospital.** Shauna Lowry discovers what qualities are required to make an RSPCA inspector (Ceefax) (s) (3881)
**8.30 The Hello Girls: Listening In.** Sylvia discovers that the engineers are listening in on the girls' private line, and are in possession of startling revelations (Ceefax) (s) (9688)
**9.00 News; Regional News; Weather** (3626)
**9.30** CHOICE **X Files: DPO** (Ceefax) (s) (999201)
**10.15 They Think It's All Over.** Nick Hancock comperes a game of wit and sporting knowledge Tonight's guests are Olympic 800m finalist Kelly Holmes and comedian Curtis Walker (Ceefax) (s) (385713)
**10.45** NEW **Question Time.** Now in its 18th year, the series of debates on controversial issues of the day returns. Around the table tonight are the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, Harriet Harman, the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell and Bronwen Maddox, US Editor of *The Times*. David Dimbleby is in the chair (Ceefax) (s) (328688)
**11.45 FILM: Criminal Behavior** (1992) starring Farrah Fawcett, A. Martinez, Dakin Matthews, John Hancock, Cliff DeYoung and Andrew Robinson. Adapted from a novel by Ross Macdonald, this quirky mystery follows a streetwise LA lawyer who, distrusting the police, decides to investigate the case of a young woman who stands accused of being a fence for herself. Directed by Michelle Miller (Ceefax) (s) (749442)
**1.15-1.20am Weather** (2099718)

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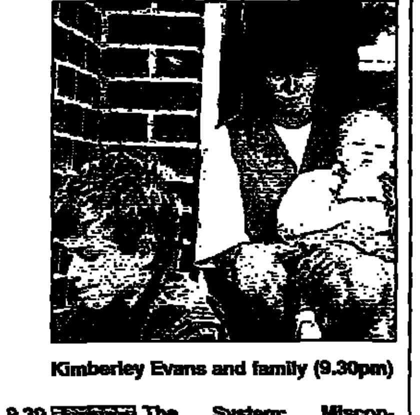
**6.00am Open University: Wheels of Progress** (2895249) **6.25 The Liberation of Algebra** (2807084) **6.50 Gender Matters** (1847107)
**7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (8286978)
**7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (9538268) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2780404) **8.20 Noddy** (r) (s) (6674171) **8.35 Lassie** (r) (2159978)
**9.00 Daytime on Two: The IT Collection** (6508161) **9.25 The Art** (8174626) **9.45 Writing and Pictures** (8271862) **10.00 Playdays** (80238) **10.30 Storytime** (5323336) **10.45 The Experimenter** (1287201) **11.05 Space Ark** (4149046) **11.15 Welsh History — Famous People** (9912464) **11.35 Landmarks** (5973171) **11.55 Belief File** (3894133) **12.15pm Hallo aus Berlin** (1582602) **12.30 Working Lunch** (39065) **1.00 Lifeschool** (68789688) **1.25 Mad About Music** (73597862) **1.45 Numbertime** (45821336) **2.00 Noddy** (r) (s) (61992201) **2.10 The Fugitive** (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (7275404) **3.00 News** (Ceefax) (7548220) **3.05 The Natural World** (s) (5806355) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (4397978)
**4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (572) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (864) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (9043978) **5.40 The Sky at Night** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (658317)
**6.00 Star Trek** (Ceefax) (s) (578959)
**6.45 Gower's Cricket Monthly.** David Gower looks at how the County Championship was decided and England's mixed fortunes during the summer. Last in series (Ceefax) (s) (616978)
**7.30 Designer Dreams.** A look at some modern trends in house decoration (Ceefax) (s) (713)
**8.00 Picture This: Somebody's Son.** Lorraine is the matriarch at the centre of a Welsh family. Three of her four sons became involved in drugs and reduced the family home to a war zone — stealing to pay for their habit. Too late to stop her own sons, Lorraine set up a self-help group to assist others, but was caught up in a tragedy. Last in the series. (Ceefax) (s) (1423) **N.I:** Room for Improvement
**8.30 Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson drives the Peugeot 306 GTi, Michelle Newman tests the Renault Megane Scenic and Andy Wilman drives a Nissan Micra (Ceefax) (s) (2030)
**9.00 Neverwhere.** (3/3) Urban fantasy drama (Ceefax) (s) (1268)



**Kimberley Evans and family (9.30pm)**

**9.30** CHOICE **The System: Misconceptions.** Exploring the Child Support Agency (Ceefax) (s) (53775)
**10.30 Newsnight** (Ceefax) (200249)
**11.15 Late Review** (s) (818442)
**12.00 The Limit** (r) (s) (96911)
**12.30am-6.00 Open University**

## CHOICE

**Inside Out: From the Ashes**
*Channel 4 8.00pm*

The final programme of the series deals with the story of Carole Rigby, a convicted arsonist who was sent to Broadmoor for an indefinite period because she lit a small fire in the National Theatre in 1978. Without treatment in Broadmoor, she set herself the task of getting to the bottom of her situation, to see why she did what she did and how she could turn her life around. She discovered that her background of child abuse, failed relationships and emotional breakdown brought her to the point of setting the fire as a call for help. She also discovered that many people who do the same come from a background of family neglect and end up "calling the fire brigade to their own lives". Carole has made this very personal film to aid and understand others in similar situations to hers.

**Canterbury Tales**
*Channel 4, 9.00pm*

One cannot help but feel that Ian Hislop (CofE) is biting his lip in an effort to keep back that scorching comment as he presents this social history of the Anglican Church of the past 100 years. In the second of three programmes Hislop reports on the gradual unpicking of the ties that bound Church and State and the widening gulf between the clergy and their parishioners. The depression following the First World War created desperate poverty in both urban and rural areas. The Church's reply was to continue to collect the ancient tithe, a move which has left a legacy of bitterness. Even the divorce laws were antiquated and in need of reform. Edward VIII's Abdication was a turning point, as was the advent of the Second World War. Not the least bit dry or dull, these tales have an assortment of characters with which Chaucer would have had a field day.

**The System**
*BBC2, 9.30pm*

Coming under scrutiny in this series which looks at the dog-end of the welfare state is the benighted Child Support Agency. The Child Support Law was the biggest change to family policy since the 1960s. Its stated aim was to trace absent fathers and force them to pay for their children. But its main priority was to claw back some of the £9 billion the Treasury spent on single parents. Whereas previously the courts settled each individual case on its own merits, there was now a fixed mathematical formula used in deciding how much was owed. But people's lives are not that easily pigeonholed, as the three cases here confirm. The agency made the mistake of using rigid bureaucracy to solve emotional situations. Of course, the CSA became subject to reform and now some cases are heard on their own merits — just as the magistrates used to do.

**The X Files**
*BBC1, 9.30pm*

"After everything that we just been through, after all that we've just seen, I hope you are not thinking this has anything to do with government conspiracies or UFOs," says agent Scully, rather optimistically. A lot of young men seem to be dying around Connerville, Oklahoma, from the same cause: lightning strikes. Since only 60 people a year are supposed to die by lightning, the statistical improbability of so many being struck in such a small area is enough to send Scully and Mulder down to investigate. Of all the boys that got hit by lightning only one of them escaped death. And he likes to melt people's mobile phones and mess with traffic lights. He also has an electrifying crush on his boss's wife.

Frances Lass

## HTV WEST

**6.00am GMTV** (9680171)
**9.25 Supermarket Sweep** (Teletext) (s) (9758684)
**9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (3362065)
**10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (91404)
**10.30 This Morning** (42874930)
**12.20pm Regional News** (Teletext) (7745404)
**12.30 News** and weather (Teletext) (2859539)
**12.55 Shortland Street** (s) (2827930) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (2807466) **2.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (s) (97440626) **2.25 Quisine** (Teletext) (s) (97429133) **2.50 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (7559510)
**3.20 News** (Teletext) (7555510)
**3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (7554881)
**3.30 The Riddlers** (6732713) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (4977249) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (6703201) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (2534688) **4.15 Woof!** (r) (Teletext) (s) (693189) **4.45 It's a Mystery** (Teletext) (4388978)
**5.10 A Country Practice** (s) (5071256)
**5.40 News** and weather (Teletext) (678171)
**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (125065)
**6.25 HTV News** (Teletext) (390268)
**7.00 Emmerdale** (Teletext) (9201)

**Journalist Veronica Guerin (7.30pm)**

**7.30 The Big Story.** Dermot Murnaghan investigates the dangerous world of Dublin's drug barons, believed to have murdered the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin when she was trying to expose them (s) (539) **HTV WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks** (Teletext)
**8.00 The Bill.** Beech gets a better result than expected when a barrister on his blacklist is robbed (Teletext) (5249)
**8.30 Schofield's TV Gold.** Phillip Schofield presents another collection of his favourite moments from *Rising Damp, Steptoe and Son* and *Man About the House* (Teletext) (s) (7084)
**9.00 Taggart: Dead Man's Chest.** (2/3) Two members of a bullion gang are now dead — who will be next? (Teletext) (s) (6065)
**10.00 News** and weather (Teletext) (43779)
**10.30 Regional News** (Teletext) (418881)
**10.40 The West Story.** Do children make mistaken allegations of abuse against their parents? (r) (215220) **HTV WALES: The Ferret**
**11.10** NEW **The West This Week.** Richard Lyddon assesses the political parties' prospects as they gear up for the General Election (875152) **HTV WALES: A Sporting Double**
**11.40 Swift Justice.** American action series (s) (533249) **HTV WALES: The Big Story**
**12.35am Not Fade Away** (s) (1392992) **1.35 Customs Classified** (9798089) **2.30 Flux** (s) (8091911) **3.25 Late & Loud** (r) (s) (6338718) **4.15 Sound Bites** (55166027) **4.30 The Time . . . the Place** (r) (s) (21282) **5.30 News** (91466)

## HTV WALES

**As HTV WEST except:**
**6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight** (390268)
**7.30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks** (539)
**10.40 The Ferret** (215220)
**11.10 A Sporting Double** (875152)
**11.40 The Big Story** (471510)
**12.10am The Making of Escape from LA - Snake is Back** (1747602)

## WESTCOUNTRY

**As HTV West except:**
**1.25 Quisine** (68784133)
**1.55 Home and Away** (47255411)
**2.25 Vanessa** (97443713)
**2.55-3.20 A Country Practice** (1381881)
**5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (5071256)
**6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live** (34510)
**10.45 Emergency!** (379152)
**11.15 Power Game** (376065)
**11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H** (461602)

## CENTRAL

**As HTV West except:**
**12.55 Home and Away** (2827930)
**1.25 Quisine** (68784133)
**1.55 A Country Practice** (32186881)
**2.20 Vanessa** (97444442)
**2.50-3.20 High Road** (7559510)
**5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (5071256)
**6.25 Central News and Weather** (133084)
**10.40 London Bridge** (215220)
**11.10 Revelations** (875152)
**11.40 Crime Story** (365065)
**12.45am Planet Rock Profiles** (10195)
**1.15 Funny Business** (17008)
**1.45 Not Fade Away** (9712669)
**2.40 Flux** (9301391)
**3.35 The Crime Hour** (5476805)

## MERIDIAN

**As HTV West except:**
**12.55 Quisine** (2827930)
**1.25 Home and Away** (68784133)
**1.55 Shortland Street** (32186881)
**2.20 Vanessa** (97444442)
**2.50-3.20 Houseparty** (7559510)
**5.10 Home and Away** (5071256)
**6.00 Meridian Tonight** (775)
**6.30-7.00 Big Day Out** (355)
**10.45 Film: Parker Kane** (44472355)

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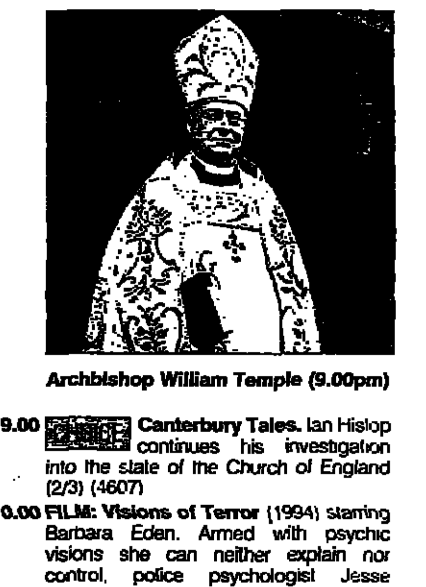
**Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast** (36065) **9.00 Bless This House** (16626) **9.30 Ysgolion: Middle English** (8278775) **9.45 The Maths Programme** (2197510) **10.05 Scientific Eye** (3169539) **10.25 Geographical Eye** (4454572) **10.45 Le Petit Monde de Pierre** (5313959) **11.00 The English Programme** (3060107) **11.20 Film and Video Showcase** (5253688) **11.40 The Spanish Programme** (3891046) **12.00 Little River Journeys** (96862) **12.30pm Backdate** (24133) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (39152) **1.30 Red's Dream** (89507864) **1.35 Film: The Loves of Joanna Godden** (49559930) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (6981978) **4.00 Fifteen to One** (268) **4.30 All That Glitters . . .** (152) **5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5** (7607) **5.30 Countdown** (404) **6.05 Heno** (136171) **6.35 Jacpot** (385510) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (403775) **7.25 Rownd Pwy Nesa?** (678978) **8.00 Gorau Gwlad** (6591) **8.30 Newyddion** (5626) **9.00 Ar Arall Dir Diolch** (4607) **10.00 Never Mind the Horrocks** (508133) **10.50 Bomber Command: Reaping the Whirlwind** (498317) **11.50 Film: Caged** (1950) (454539)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.35am Star Street** (4097620)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (36065)
**9.00 Bless This House** (16626)
**9.30 Schools: Middle English 9.45 The Maths Programme 10.05 Scientific Eye 10.25 Geographical Eye 10.45 Le Petit Monde de Pierre 11.00 The English Programme 11.20 Film and Video Showcase 11.40 The Spanish Programme** (904387)
**12.00 Little River Journeys** (96862) **12.30pm Backdate** (24133) **1.00 Sesame Street** (r) (29688) **2.00 Supersafe with Superted** (38482387)
**2.05 FILM: Caroline?** (1989) Made-for-television movie, with Stephanie Zimbalist and George Grizzard The Carmichael family's life is thrown into turmoil when a woman appears on their doorstep claiming to be Caroline, Paul Carmichael's long-lost daughter (305881)
**4.00 Fifteen to One** (268) **4.30 Countdown** (152) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (2528423) **5.45 Travelog Treks: Odessa** (919930)
**6.00 Eerie Indiana** (317)
**6.30 Hollyoaks.** Ibiza is turning into a nightmare for the lads (997)
**7.00 Channel 4 News** (Teletext) (8423)
**8.00** CHOICE **Inside Out: From the Ashes.** (5/5) (Teletext) (s) (6591)
**8.30 Porkpie: Foul Play.** Michael has been kidnapped and Porkpie has been asked to stump up the ransom (5626)



**Archbishop William Temple (9.00pm)**

**9.00** CHOICE **Canterbury Tales.** Ian Hislop continues his investigation into the state of the Church of England (2/3) (4607)
**10.00 FILM: Visions of Terror** (1994) starring Barbara Eden. Armed with psychic visions she can neither explain nor control, police psychologist Jesse Newman is thrust into the investigation of a policeman's death. Directed by Sam Pillsbury (662201)
**11.40 FILM: Sweet Bird of Youth** (1962) starring Paul Newman, Ed Begley (Oscar-winner), Geraldine Page (Oscar-nominee). A Tennessee Williams tale of the turmoil caused by the return of a prodigal. Directed by Richard Brooks (15865171)
**1.50 FILM: The Outrage** (1964) starring Paul Newman, Laurence Harvey and Claire Bloom. A Mexican bandit kidnaps a husband and wife, murders the man and rapes the woman. Directed by Martin Ritt (683534)
**3.35 FILM: Svengali** (1955) starring Hildegarde Neff and Donald Wolfit. Set in the Paris of the 1890s, this film tells the story of Trilby, a model, who makes the acquaintance of the sinister hypnotist Svengali. He turns her into a great opera singer, only to find she does not return his love. Directed by Noel Langley (4943076) Ends at **5.00am**

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

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### SKY ONE

**7.00am** Undun (89171) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7617510) **9.20** Jeopardy! (8333201) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (1643171) **10.40** Real TV (6120862) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9909626) **12.00** Geraldo (83046) **1.00pm** 1 to 3 (30317) **3.00** Jenny Jones (79133) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (98268) **5.00** Quantum Leap (9220) **6.00** The New Adventures of Superman (52930) **7.00** LAPD (7249) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3775) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (6997) **8.30** Southenders (5404) **9.00** Intruders (22713) **10.00** Quantum Leap (92572) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (76607) **12.00** Midnight Caller (48485) **1.00am** LAPD (90447) **1.30** Real TV (30553) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (35796)

### SKY 2

**7.00pm** The Simpsons (1195978) **7.30** Sea Rescue (6395249) **8.00** Police Rescue (4878591) **9.00** From the Dead of Night (4888978) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1480161) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (3402737)

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour
**6.00am** Sunrise (9457713) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (15201) **10.30** ABC Nightline (311633) **1.30pm** CBS News (99775) **2.30** CBS News (55442) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (47881) **5.00** Live at Five (70607) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (30133) **7.30** Sportsline (16355) **8.30** Reuters Reports (299355) **11.30** CBS News (77607) **12.30am** ABC World News (76843) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (65008) **2.30** Reuters Reports (87805) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (82350) **4.30** CBS News (21535) **5.30** ABC World News

### SKY MOVIES

**6.00am The Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1975)** (47442) **8.00 The Further Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1978)** (34133) **10.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993)** (88355) **12.00 The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh (1979)** (57084) **2.00pm Kona Coast (1968)** (16152) **4.00 Roller Boogie (1979)** (4152) **6.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993)** **8.00 Love Affair (1994)** (48215442) **9.50 The Movie Show** (926317) **10.20 The Specialist (1994)** (436713) **12.15am Thin Ice (1995)** (376824) **1.45 Bad Medicine (1985)** (132553) **3.20-6.00 No Ordinary Summer (1994)** (37543350)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD

**12.00 Hotel (1967)** (78626) **2.00pm The Count of Monte Cristo (1934)** (98794) **4.00 Mutiny on the Buses (1973)** (6794) **6.00 Splendor in the Grass (1961)** (78930) **8.00 Wargames (1983)** (80775) **10.00 The Incident (1967)** (989355) **11.50 Once Upon a Time in the West (1968)** (31434201) **2.35am Fatal Beauty (1987)** (876263) **4.20-5.45 Mutiny on the Buses (1973)** (7313319)

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

**6.00am Hudson's Bay (1940)** (47713) **7.30 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (37336) **9.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears (1994)** (74336) **10.00 The McConnell Story (1955)** (86997) **12.00 Takwar: Teklab (1994)** (55626) **2.00pm 3:10 to Yuma (1957)** (14794) **4.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (2794) **6.00 Shepherd on the Rock (1994)** (94930) **8.00 Because Mommy Works (1995)** (61125) **10.00 Heavenly Creatures (1994)** (707713) **11.45 Shadow Dancer (1995)** (335930) **1.25am Terror in the Shadows (1995)** (871737) **3.00 Movers and Shakers (1985)** (6151263) **4.25-6.00 Rin Tin Tin — Hero of the West (1959)** (344195)

### THE DISNEY CHANNEL

**Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.**
**6.00am** Bonkers (1260220) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (1289355) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (3870152) **7.15** Quack Attack (2438864) **7.40** Aladdin (1208978) **8.05** Quack Pack (7003881) **8.30** Bonkers (44572) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (68152) **9.30** Lamb Chops Play Along! (12341) **10.00** Muppet Babies (58862) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (64336) **11.00** Quack Attack (58688) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (59317) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (55688) **12.30pm** Lamb Chops Play Along! (83959) **1.00** Quack Pack (59828) **1.30** Aladdin (75930) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (6171) **2.30** Walt Disney Presents (3428268) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (7834539) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (2958591) **4.15** Bonkers (8522220) **4.35** Quack Pack (2004688) **5.00** Aladdin (7423) **5.30** Olua-Blossom (9317) **7.00** Home Improvement (4959) **7.30 FILM: Escape to Witch Mountain** (43862) **9.00** Blossom (61152) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (96423)

### EUROSPORT

**7.30am** Cycling (17978) **8.00** Equestrianism (27539) **9.00** Triathlon (12510) **10.00** Motors (48242) **11.00** Motorsports (35626) **12.00** Formula 1 (19862) **12.30pm** Motorcycling (47133) **1.00** Mountainbike (42688) **2.00** Cycling — Live (29143) **3.30** Olympic Magazine (5539) **4.00** Tennis — Live (1449133) **9.00** Football (36930) **11.00** Sailing (20881) **11.30-12.30am** Cycling (17249)

### SKY SPORTS

**7.00am** Sports Centre (58125) **7.30** Wrestling (77978) **8.30** Racing News (20978) **9.00** Sports Centre (26030) **9.30** Aerobics (58249) **10.00** European Golf Smurfit European Open — Live (602930) **1.00pm** Aerobics (82688) **1.30** Grass Roots Rugby (51336) **2.00** Futbol Mundial (9249) **2.30** European Golf: Smurfit European Open — Live (9234341) **6.00** Sports Centre (9355) **6.30** Netbusters (5797) **7.00** Snooker: Regal Scottish Masters — Live (825794) **10.00** Sports Centre (25423) **10.30** Australian Rules Football (44862) **12.30am** Sports Centre (30805) **1.00** Tight Lines (42911) **2.00** Formula Three (70282) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (66089)

### SKY SPORTS 2

**8.00pm** Tight Lines (8614713) **9.00** Spanish Football (8884572) **11.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (4732626) **12.30am-1.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory

### SKY SPORTS 3

**12.00** Major League Baseball (50840571) **2.00pm** Snooker: Regal Scottish Masters — Live (16297133) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation — Action Zone (68277607) **6.00** In-Line Skating (77074510) **7.00** Sports Centre (66278336) **7.30** Football League Review (41268997) **9.00** Formula Three Racing (52104607) **9.30** European PGA Golf: Smurfit European Open (70576442) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (30040779)

### THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

**4.00am** Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Victory **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** This Is Your Day **6.15** Changing Your World **6.45-**

**The Who provide the music for *Quadrophenia* (Bravo, 10.00pm)**

### SKY SOAP

**7.00am** Guiding Light (6712249) **7.55** As the World Turns (9226355) **8.50** Peyton Place (6922539) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2031775) **10.10-11.00** Another World

### SKY TRAVEL

**11.00am** Globetrotter (6407336) **11.30** Golf in Paradise (6408065) **12.00** Travels in Europe (2512152) **12.30pm** Spice of Life (7858404) **1.00** Getaway (4913930) **1.30** On Top of the World (7857775) **2.00** Voyage of Dreams (4263591) **3.00** Globetrotter (5382355) **3.30-4.00** Around the World . . . In 30 Minutes (6227713)

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**4.00pm** Biography (6498688) **5.00** Memories of 1969 (5373607) **6.00** China Rising (7866423) **7.00-8.00** Biography (8605065)

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday - Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday - Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.
**1.00am** Tales of the Unexpected (6565008) **1.30** New Alfred Hitchcock (7719195) **2.00** Presents (9129176) **2.30** Night Gallery (9131911) **3.00** Friday the 13th (9580466) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (18528918)

### TLC

**9.00am** The Joy of Painting (4413268) **9.30** The Garden Show (5311220) **10.00** Two's Country (2740794) **10.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (4402152) **11.00** Furniture to Go (4596442) **11.30** Room Service (4597171) **12.00** Julia Child (4493404) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (5322336) **1.00** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (4439268) **1.30** This Old House **2.00** This Old House **2.30** Garden Club (2374268) **3.00** Fishing Adventures (4138084) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2379713)

### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Lassie (4432355) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (4411862) **8.00** Neighbours (2470881) **8.25** EastEnders (2668336) **9.00** The Bill (4415626) **9.30** The Sullivans (5320978) **10.00** One by One (4417046) **11.00** Bullseye (4565572) **11.30** Sale of the Century (4586201) **12.00** Tellystack (4495862) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5324794) **1.00** EastEnders (6943607) **1.35** Never the Twain (8830688) **2.15** Ever Decreasing (6569591) **3.30** The Bill (2371171) **4.00** Howards' Way (4589152) **5.00** Bullseye (4119959) **5.30** George and Mildred (2370442) **6.00** Tellystack (2377355) **6.30** EastEnders (3600268) **7.05** Odd One Out (5708249) **7.45** A Little Bit of Emery (6639152) **8.00** Funny You Ask (4131171) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (4127978) **9.00** The Equalizer (5451268) **10.00** The Bill (9079046) **10.35** Canned Carrott (1208881) **11.15** The Sweeney (4780997) **12.15am FILM: Tennis Court** (26254379) **1.30** Shopping (4070534)

### TCC

**6.00am** Swan's Crossing (1282442) **6.20** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (1253930) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (927688) **7.15** Ready or Not (917201) **7.45** California Dreams (916572) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (461607) **8.45** Art Attack (4405404) **9.00** Tiny and Crew (1048572) **10.20** The Clangers (3869152) **10.25** Christopher Crocodile (8564336) **11.00** Dinobabies (54862) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (55591) **12.00** Barney (51862) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (89133) **1.00** Casper and Friends (59882) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (92531423) **1.45** Teddy Trucks (57641268) **1.55** Mr Benn (57031626) **2.15** Babaloos (55816572) **2.20** Towser (55837065) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (4542423) **2.40** Berna (5422862) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (8152) **3.30** Ready or Not (5355) **4.00** California Dreams (4862) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (6668)

### NICKELODEON

**6.00am** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (16336) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (62930) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (58107) **7.30** Rugrats (13152) **8.00** Doug (29249) **8.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (11220) **9.00** Where in the World is Carmen SanDiego? (26012) **9.30** Wishbone (49591) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (3620336) **10.10** Busy World of Richard Scarry (4305607) **10.35** Mr Men (6539442) **10.40** Henry's Cat (6536355) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (3788607) **11.00** BBC Block (99572) **12.00** Clarissa Explains it all (22336) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (50607) **1.00** Babar (22268) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (59978) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (1161) **2.30** BBC Block (77688) **3.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (1713) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (8020) **4.30** Rugrats (8529201) **4.45** Doug (8557084) **5.00** Sister Sister (4171) **5.30** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (2224) **6.00** Space Cases (7397) **6.30-**

### DISCOVERY

**4.00pm** Deep Probe Expeditions (4587794) **5.00** Time Travellers (4100201) **5.30** Jurassica (2378084) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5330356) **7.00** In Search of Arctic Whales (4120065) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2355133) **8.00** In the Line of Fire (5439046) **9.00** Driving Passions (4583978) **9.30** Flightline (5302572) **10.00** Supership (5452997) **11.00-12.00** Justice Files

### BRAVO

**12.00** Fantasy Island (5338997) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5314317) **2.00** The New Avengers (2745249) **3.00** Land of the Giants (4595713) **4.00 FILM: Pop!** (4136626) **6.00** Thunderbirds (5327881) **7.00** Monkey (5440152) **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (5426572) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (5446336) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Quadrophenia** (4594084)

### PARAMOUNT

**7.00pm** Family Ties (1607) **7.30** Entertainment (7133) **8.00** Wings (1305) **8.30** Laverne & Shirley (9862) **9.00** Soap (21510) **9.30** Taxi (63171) **10.00** Entertainment (23065) **10.30** Dr Katz (32713) **11.00** Sledgehammer (33355) **11.30** Frontline (82794) **12.00** Bob (78553) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (38447) **1.00** Soap (34905) **1.30** Taxi (74911) **2.00** Entertainment (78824) **2.30** Sledgehammer (57331) **3.00** Dr Katz (54669) **3.30-4.00** Wings (71911)

### UK LIVING

**6.00am** Kilroy (4376510) **7.00** Esther (8163423) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (2957133) **8.20** Spain on a Plate (1502930) **8.55** Infatuation UK (8433442) **9.35** Call the Doctor (2433268) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (8371539) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (1408539) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7814572) **11.55** Brookside (48508626) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (41659201) **12.50** Gabrielle (7035404) **1.40** Rolonda (3086161) **2.30** The Agony Experience (2603794) **3.00** Live at Three (8968046) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2694046) **4.30** Talkabout (4850423) **5.05** Lingo (66130133) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2607510) **6.00** Bewitched (2604423) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6185065) **7.05** Brookside (3123268) **7.35** Super Fresco Fabulosious (5978775) **7.40** Trivial Pursuit (2510171) **8.00** Street Legal (3621688) **9.00 FILM: Codename: Dancer** (91936775) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (2197249)

### FAMILY CHANNEL

**5.00pm** Blockbusters (3387) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (50152) **6.30** Catchphrase (5591) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (3143) **7.30** Sweet Justice (72859) **8.30** Rising Damp (5688) **9.00** Hart to Hart (25387) **10.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Some Lie and Some Die (75864) **11.00** Duty Free (79171) **11.30** Bagdad Cafe (50220) **12.00** Moonlighting (28669) **1.00am** Hart to Hart (93869) **2.00** Sweet Justice (65718) **3.00** Moonlighting (37263) **4.00** All Together Now (33832) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (84824)

### MTV

**8.00am** Morning Mix (531978) **11.00** Star Trax (59864) **12.00** Greatest Hits (62846) **1.00pm** Music Non-stop (51959) **3.00** Select MTV (68065) **4.00** Hanging Out (47572) **5.00** The Grind (2355) **5.30** Dial MTV (6084) **6.00** MTV Hot (3997) **6.30** Real World 1 - New York (4249) **7.00** Star Trax (25341) **8.00** The Big Picture (8539) **8.30** MTV Guide to Dance (7046) **9.00** Club MTV (26306) **10.00** Amour (61249) **10.30** Beavis & Butt-head (70997) **11.00** Headbangers' Ball (43688) **1.00am** Videos (9476027)

### VH-1

**7.00am** Breakfast (97290539) **9.00** Cafe 1 (81687572) **12.00** Heart and Soul (33328423) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (33337171) **2.00** Ten of the Best (30444220) **3.00** Into the Music (42568046) **6.00** Happy Hour (33324607) **7.00** VH-1 for You (85589539) **8.00** Review (85565959) **9.00** Ten of the Best (85578423) **10.00** Vinyl Years (85571510) **11.00** Music First (97270775) **12.00** VH-1 to 1 (79215282) **12.30am** Bridge (46502911) **1.00** Ten of the Best

### CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable**

### ZEE TV

**7.00am** Jaagran **7.30** Lifestyle East **8.30** Business **9.00** Sitaron Ka Karavan **9.30** Your Zindegi **10.00** Bharat Ek Khoj **11.00** Shakti **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat **12.00** Dastaan **12.30pm** Talaash **1.00 FILM 4.00** Zee Top Ten **5.00** Zee Zone **5.30** Kya Scene Hai **6.00** Naye Tarane **6.30** Zee & U **7.00** Ten Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup **7.30** Galaxzee **8.00** News **8.30** Andaz **9.00** Jaal **9.30** Hasratein **10.00** Commander **10.30** Yaadon Ke Rang **11.00** Zee Horror Show

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# SPORT

**RUGBY UNION 45**

Why England's next captain is being kept under wraps

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26 1996

## Mountainous task in Uefa Cup proves just too much for London club

# Borussia outgun Arsenal again

B Mönchengladbach .... 3
Arsenal .......................... 2
*(B Mönchengladbach win 6-4 on aggregate)*

From Brian Glanville in Cologne

BEATING Arsenal by the same margin as they had in London, Borussia Mönchengladbach moved into the second round of the Uefa Cup yesterday. Not since 1982 had Arsenal been eliminated in the first round of any European competition and this will cost them dear in terms of money and prestige.

Deprived of Lee Dixon and with Tony Adams returning to the fray when, by his own admission, he was not yet fully fit, it would have taken a remarkable performance to turn the result at Highbury on its head, even with Arsène Wenger, soon to take up the managerial reins, offering guidance.

In the event, though they went a devastating goal behind, Arsenal led 2-1 early in the second half, but ultimately found a technically and tactically superior German team just too much for them.

Before the game, David Platt spoke of Arsenal having "a mountain to climb". After 23 minutes, the mountain became the equivalent of Everest when they conceded another goal. A good goal it was, by a team which, until then, had outclassed Arsenal in movement and intelligence. Platt himself lost the ball in midfield. Pettersson, who did not play at Highbury, broke away and gave the ball to Effenberg. Playing behind the attack, rather than up front as he had done in the first leg, he guided an inspired pass into the path of the Polish attacker, Juskowiak, who rolled his shot wide of Seaman.

Wright scores Arsenal's first goal during the Uefa Cup tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach in Cologne yesterday. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Allsport

The quick, clever combination of Juskowiak and Pettersson in central attack was a perpetual problem for the Arsenal back five, short of pace as it unfortunately was. Even more of a trial, in some ways, than the challenge offered by Effenberg at Highbury.

As early as the sixth minute, Pettersson and Juskowiak interchanged passes and Seaman had to dive at the feet of the Swede. Arsenal's five-man defence, with Adams risked as a right centre back, led to a midfield of only three and, consequently, an over-cautious policy.

After a quarter of an hour, Arsenal did make their first notable attack. Wright pulled the ball back from the right-hand byline to Hartson, and Kamps had to plunge to save. Away came Borussia at once, with another combination between Pettersson and Juskowiak, the Pole forcing Seaman to block with his legs.

Arsenal equalised unexpectedly, and somewhat undeservedly, a couple of minutes from half-time. Significantly, perhaps, the goal came not from open play but from Merson's free kick. Hartson flicked on, Wright seized on the chance and beat Kamps from close range with his left-foot shot. Five minutes into the second half, Merson showed just how important his dynamic bursts can be for Arsenal. He advanced to send a searing right-footed shot wide of Kamps. Arsenal were 2-1 ahead, and the magnificent illusion reigned. But it was quickly put into perspective.

The Arsenal defence was still shaky through the middle and when Juskowiak broke through, he beat Bould for speed and shot just wide of a post.

After 62 minutes, Borussia took off Pettersson, substituting him with the midfield player, Hochstatter, and thus breaking up the electric partnership with Juskowiak. However, Effenberg, Arsenal's tormentor at Highbury, now moved into the front line.

Wenger, left, and Rice celebrate Merson's goal

There was, then, no interruption of Borussia's generally smooth superiority. When Passlack, attacking from right back, played an elegant one-two with Nielsen, he got clear away down the right, and put across a ball which Neun wastefully sent wide.

Four minutes later Schneider played Effenberg through. Arsenal, who had by then taken off Linighan and put Parlour on the right flank, seemed sure to concede the equaliser but Effenberg ran diagonally wide and, when he did shoot, hit the base of the left-hand post.

After 75 minutes, however, he would atone for that, taking a neat ball from Hochstatter and this time carrying on to beat Seaman. The impossible dream was fading away. Bolder than ever, Arsenal took off Adams and gambled by sending on another flank man, Helder. They were now living dangerously and when an attack broke down, Effenberg set one up for Borussia, Wynhoff slipped Juskowiak through the Arsenal defence and in went the winner.

Though the score was the same as it had been at Highbury, the circumstances had been very different.

BORUSSIA MONCHENGLADBACH (4-4-2): U Kamps — J Neun, H Fournier (sub: J Stadler, 46min), P Andersson, S Passlack — P Nielsen (sub: B Wynhoff), I Lupescu, M Schneider, S Effenberg — A Juskowiak, J Pettersson (sub: C Hochstatter, 62)
ARSENAL (5-3-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Adams (sub: G Helder, 76), S Bould, A Linighan (sub: R Parlour, 63), N Winterburn — P Merson, D Platt, P Vieira — I Wright, J Hartson.
Referee: A Lopez Nieto (Spain).

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## Celtic face further penalties after cup exit

By Our Sports Staff

CELTIC will find out late next week the extent of their European hangover. Malky Mackay and John Hughes were both dismissed after committing second bookable offences in the first 41 minutes of their 2-0 Uefa Cup first-round defeat in Hamburg on Tuesday, which, when added to the dismissal of Simon Donnelly in Kosice in the preliminary round, could result in a fine for the Parkhead club.

Mackay and Hughes will be automatically suspended for the first match of Celtic's next European campaign and Tommy Burns, the manager, is also contemplating possible punishment for his criticism of the referee, Vadim Schuk.

"It depends on the players' individual records," a Uefa spokesman said. "The red cards will be assessed at the next meeting of the Control and Disciplinary Committee, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 3.

"As for the manager, that would depend if there is anything included in the report by the official Uefa delegate, which we have not yet received."

Burns's more immediate concern, however, is the gulf between Scottish and European club soccer exposed by his team's 4-0 aggregate defeat.

The implications for Scotland are equally disturbing, given that Celtic have not been defeated in the Bell's Scottish premier division for exactly a year. Burns said: "We have a lot of catching up to do. Rangers have found that out as well and Scottish football in general has found it tough to compete in Europe.

"We would all love to be at the top in Europe but even Manchester United, who are by far the best side in Britain, were made to look very ordinary on the big stage by Juventus recently."

☐ Television and football authorities are on likely to clash over live coverage of Scotland's World Cup game in Latvia next month. BBC Scotland has bought the rights to show the match live on the afternoon of Saturday, October 5, but if they go ahead they will incur the wrath of the Scottish authorities as a first, second and third division programme is planned for the same day.

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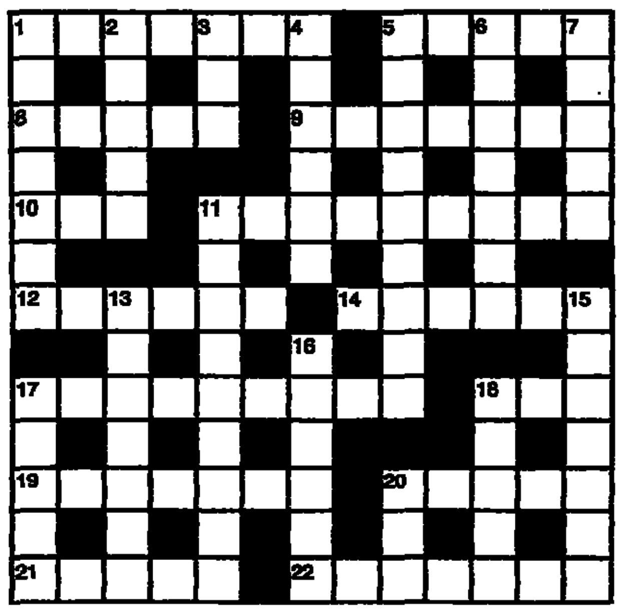

ACROSS
- 1 Herd together: increase to next integer (5,2)
- 5 An animal: Augustine's see (5)
- 8 Chuck (5)
- 9 Firmly established (4-3)
- 10 Crafty, secretive (3)
- 11 Docker(9)
- 12 Of milk (6)
- 14 *Paradise Lost* poet (6)
- 17 Very bright (9)
- 18 Stifle: joke (3)
- 19 Showing pleasure, welcome (7)
- 20 Fluid-control device (5)
- 21 Division of play: place of action (5)
- 22 Indoor breeze (7)

DOWN
- 1 Non-acceptance (7)
- 2 Concord: the number one (5)
- 3 An animal: to follow (3)
- 4 Tiny particles of eg talc (6)
- 5 Greek expert, admirer (9)
- 6 Faint: graduate from Sandhurst (4,3)
- 7 Unusual, improper (5)
- 11 Painting of fruit, etc (5,4)
- 13 Style of cookery (7)
- 15 Fail to attend to (7)
- 16 Uneven: wearing tatters (6)
- 17 Foundation (5)
- 18 Soviet camp system (5)
- 20 By way of (3)

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# Atkinson to face second FA charge

By Richard Hobson

AS IF trying to lift Coventry City out of the the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership is not sufficient to occupy his mind, Ron Atkinson, the manager, was given something else to mull over yesterday when he was charged with bringing the game into disrepute for the second time in a month.

It follows an incident in the 2-0 defeat against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on August 24, when a throw-out from Steve Ogrizovic, the Coventry goalkeeper, was clearly handled by Dan Petrescu before Frank Leboeuf went through to score for the home side. Television replays confirmed what Paul Danson, the referee, and his assistants missed, but nevertheless, Danson reported Atkinson and his assistant manager, Gordon Strachan, for protesting too forcibly. Liam Daish, the Coventry defender, who was sent off in the mêlée that ensued, has also been charged for alleged comments made outside the referee's dressing-room after the game.

Atkinson and Strachan have already opted for personal hearings concerning disrepute charges stemming from a reserve game against West Bromwich Albion on August 28. Play was halted for 15 minutes when Strachan refused to leave the pitch after being sent off for dissent and both teams were taken to the dressing-rooms while the referee, Tony Green, discussed the issue with Atkinson, who was subsequently charged for making derogatory remarks, and Alan Buckley, the Albion manager.

Graham Hover, the Coventry secretary, said: "They have not done anything that the club is really concerned about. They both have a good track record in the game and we do not look upon these as being serious incidents." If found guilty, Atkinson could suffer a fine and touchline ban, while Strachan, still playing at the age of 39, may face suspension. For Daish, the news completed a dreadful 24 hours. On Tuesday evening, he was sent off during the Coca-Cola Cup win against Birmingham City.

The Football Association will decide in the next few days whether to charge Ian Wright with misconduct after he pulled the hair of Regi Blinker, of Sheffield Wednesday, during Arsenal's 4-1 win at Highbury earlier this month. Mike Reed, the referee, did not see the incident but David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said afterwards that he would be reporting Wright.

Doncaster Rovers, the bottom club in the Nationwide League, was put up for sale yesterday, just two days after another third division club, Cambridge United, was placed on the market. Dinard Trading, the controlling company based in the Isle of Man, has advertised its 51 per cent shareholding in Doncaster.

# IOC voices fear of Sydney disruption

## Olympic organisers say minority groups may target the next Games for action

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) admitted yesterday that it feared the Games in Sydney in 2000 could face disruption from Aborigines or other minority groups.

Jacques Rogge, the IOC coordination commission chairman, said organisers should not be held responsible for Australia's social ills but it was unavoidable that groups would try to use the event for their own purposes.

"We know that there is a potential problem with aboriginal issues and ethnic communities and minorities who might want to take the Games as a hostage," he said yesterday.

However, he added that the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (Socog) was responsible only for organising and staging the event and, in every aspect of sport, it had given a proper consideration to minorities.

Rogge said that providing adequate transport would be a challenge for organisers but he was confident that Sydney would avoid the kind of problems seen at the Atlanta Games this year.

"The commission is extremely satisfied about the preparation for the Olympic Games here in Sydney," he said. "From our side we ask no more from Socog and we are very satisfied with the policy in place.

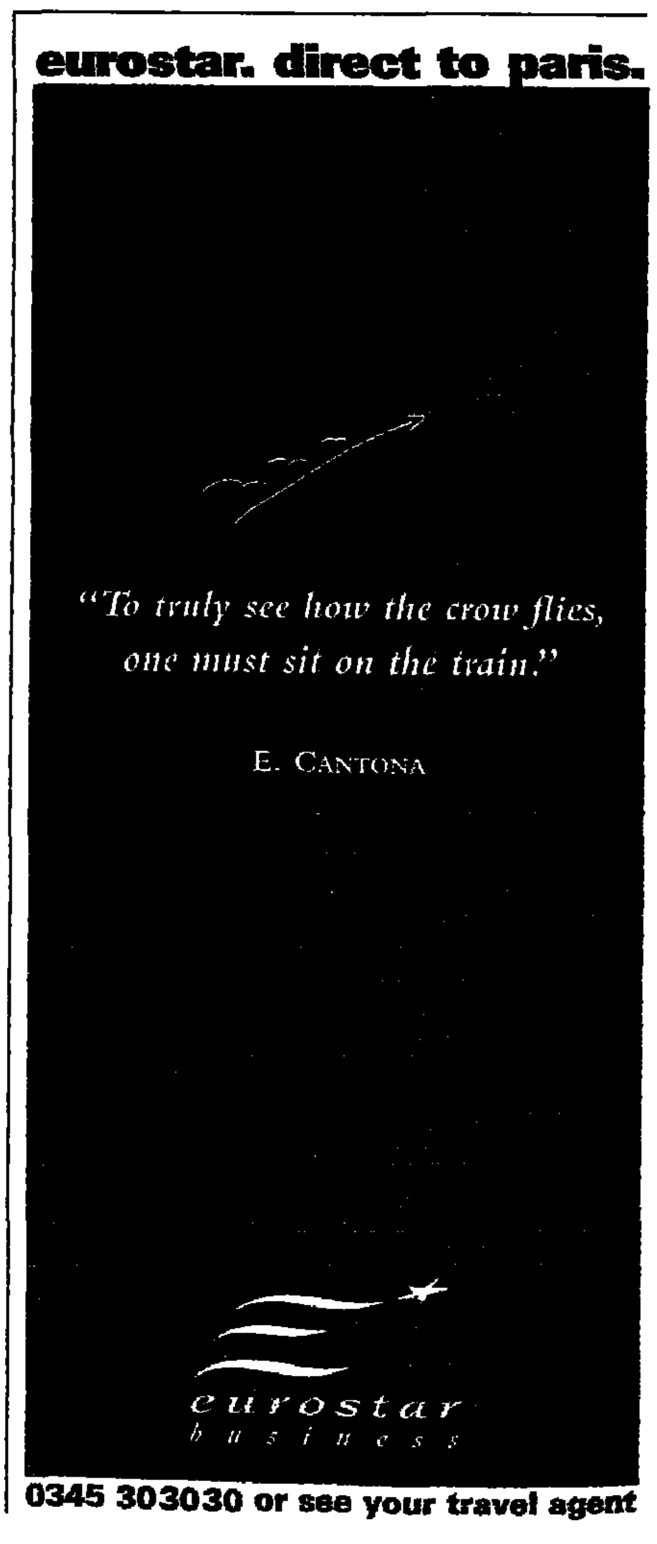
"We feel it would be unfair to put the blame on Socog for not solving problems that are not the responsibility of Socog."

Rogge, a former Olympic sailor for Belgium, also said that the environmentalist movement was attempting to tie its colours to the Games. "We know that there is some discussion by the environment community at large," he added.

"But we feel this reflects more the lack of union of the environment community than a failure of Socog."

The New South Wales Olympics Minister, Michael Knight, said that he doubted whether the Australian public would react kindly to any group hijacking the Games for its own political agenda.

Sydney would not be held to ransom by interest groups, he said. Rogge, who on his last visit in May last year gave an impressive report on Socog, saying it scored between nine and ten, this time reserved his decision. "It's not a honeymoon, but the problems we've analysed can all be overcome," he said.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